

## INSIDE TODAY

### Pakistanis arrests OBL informants

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**WASHINGTON** – Pakistan's top military spy agency has arrested some of the Pakistani informants who fed information to the Central Intelligence Agency in the months leading up to the raid that led to the death of Osama bin Laden, according to U.S. officials. Pakistan's detention of five CIA informants, including a Pakistani army major who officials said copied the license plates of cars visiting bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad in the weeks before the raid, is the latest evidence of the fractured relationship between the United States and Pakistan.

It comes at a time when the Obama administration is seeking Pakistan's support in brokering an end-game in the war in neighboring Afghanistan.

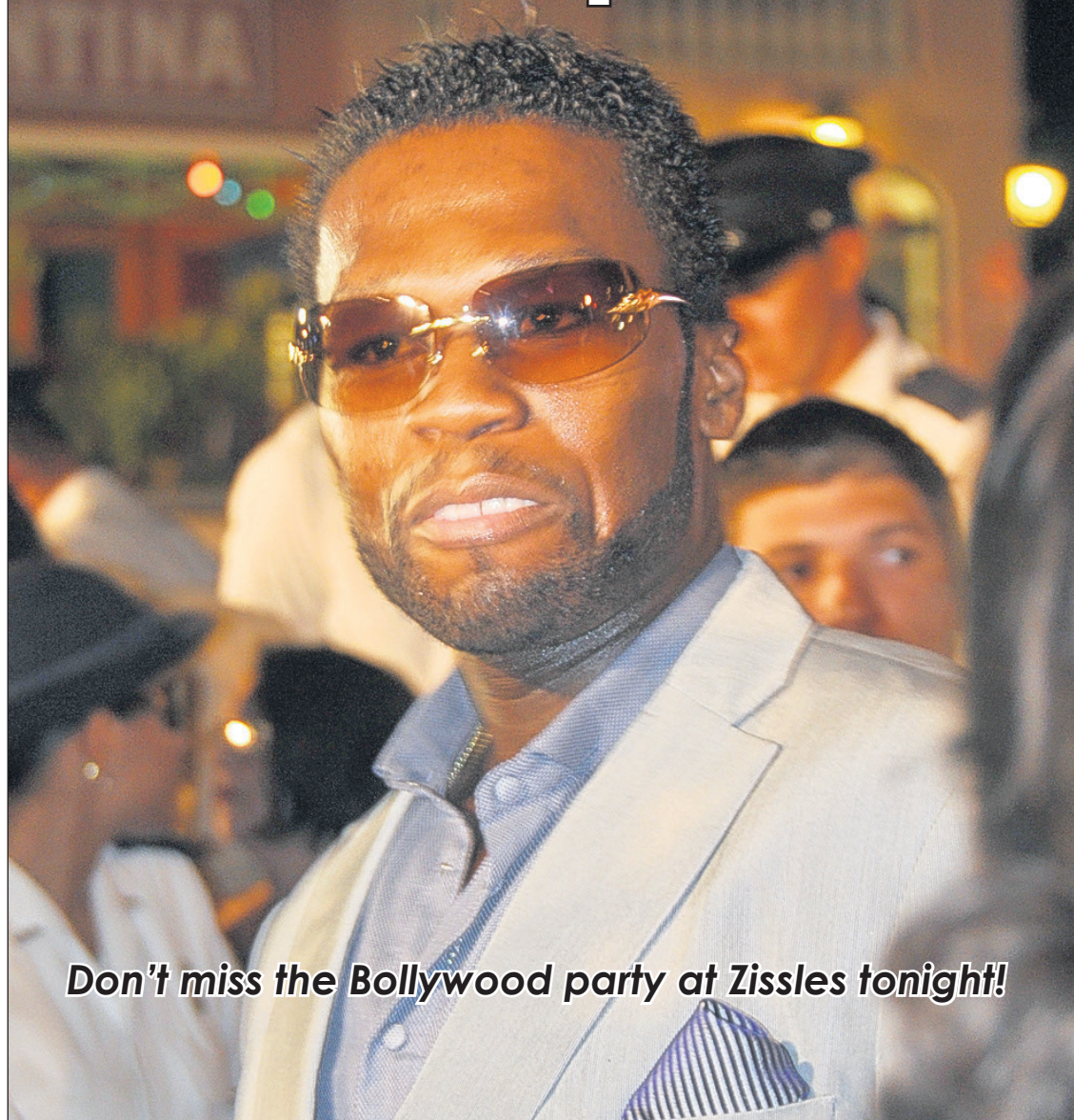
At a closed briefing last week, members of the Senate Intelligence Committee asked Michael J. Morell, the deputy CIA director, to rate Pakistan's cooperation with the United States on counterterrorism operations, on a scale of 1 to 10.

"Three,"

Morell replied, according to officials familiar with the exchange.

The fate of the CIA informants arrested in Pakistan is unclear, but U.S. officials said that CIA Director Leon E. Panetta raised the issue when he traveled to Islamabad last week to meet with Pakistani military and intelligence officers.

### 50 Cent G'd up in Aruba



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### Curtis '50 Cent' Jackson premiers "Things Fall Apart" at AIFF

**PALM BEACH** – 50 Cent walked the Red Carpet last night with fans packing in to see his film "Things Fall Apart" at the Paseo Herencia.

The film is a touching and inspirational story about a man who loses everything, but gains the world. Director Mario Van Peebles ("Baadasssss!" "New Jack City") stirs emotions and brings the story to life combining intense action with identifiably heartwarming characters. An astonishingly emotional and heart-felt star turn from 50 Cent anchors the film, which he co-wrote with Grand Rapids-born filmmaker Brian A. Miller through his Cheetah Vision Films banner.

Curtis Jackson (aka 50 Cent) has transformed his music chart dominance to success in corporate America as a multi-tiered business mogul to be reckoned with. Recognized as one of the most talented and prolific musical artists of his time, Jackson has managed to leverage his star power into record-breaking brand extensions encompassing a broad spectrum of businesses that include music ownership, artist management, film production, footwear and apparel, video games, publishing and health drinks and supplements. With annual sales quickly approaching \$300 million from a variety of business interests and numerous new endeavors on the horizon, Jackson has cemented his position in the entertainment industry as both a business and entertainment powerhouse. □

### Fun In The Sun



Cassie Bonenfant, 18, who uses SPF 30 sunscreen on her face and SPF 8 on her body, lays out while on vacation from Western New England College on Siesta Key Public Beach in Sarasota, Fla., on June 14, 2011. The FDA announced on Tuesday that sunscreens must protect equally against two kinds of the sun's radiation, UVB and UVA.

(Chip Litherland/The New York Times)



# Obama vows support for Puerto Rico statehood

Helene Cooper

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – President Barack Obama came to this U.S. commonwealth Tuesday and promised to stand by Puerto Rico no matter what residents decide about its future – statehood, independence or a continuation of the status quo.

In what White House officials billed as the first official visit of a sitting U.S. president since John F. Kennedy, Air Force One landed just before noon and Obama bounded over to a crowd of about 1,000 people waiting for him at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport.

Obama began his four-hour trip with a quick speech in which he rolled his R's, tried out a little Spanish (Puerto Ricans' willingness to serve in the armed forces is as American, he said, as "arroz con gandules"), professed his love and admiration for all things Puerto Rican and promised to support "a clear decision" by the people of Puerto Rico on statehood, whatever it may be.

It was not, by any measure,



**President Barack Obama arrives to deliver remarks at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in Carolina, Puerto Rico, on June 14, 2011. Obama pledged to support the commonwealth in its decision on statehood, and made a series of stops on his four-hour visit, including a fundraising event for the Democratic National Committee. (Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)**

a groundbreaking speech, but then, Obama's visit here is as much about wooing Hispanic voters in the swing state of Florida as it is about reassuring Puerto Ricans that the United States has not forgotten its island commonwealth in the Caribbean.

"The aspirations and the

struggles on this island mirror those across America," Obama assured the people in the airport hangar, which included Marc Antony, the Latino crooner who is married to Jennifer Lopez. Much was made of Kennedy's visit here in 1961 – not least by Obama himself, who quipped that he was 4 months old at the time and so could not remember too many details. As a senator, Obama also visited Puerto Rico during the Democratic campaign in 2008 and promised to return as president.

The president's schedule included the speech at the hangar, a visit to La Fortaleza, the longest-serving governor's mansion in the Western Hemisphere (the White House says), a tour of the Kennedy Suite, where Kennedy stayed in 1961, and a concert by a youth orchestra.

Obama also stopped unannounced for lunch at a local restaurant.

Perhaps more important were the interviews Obama scheduled with El Nuevo Dia newspaper and Univision of Puerto Rico, and a fundraising event Tuesday afternoon meant to plump Democratic National Committee coffers.

Puerto Ricans hold U.S. citizenship and can serve in the military, but the commonwealth has no voting

representative in Congress. And while Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico can vote in presidential primaries, they cannot vote in presidential elections.

Puerto Ricans in the United States can.

The President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status issued a report in March recommending that the island hold two more votes on the issue by the end of 2012.

While acknowledging Obama's campaign event here, his spokesman, Jay Carney, said the trip went beyond politics.

"The president is making the first official visit since 1961," Carney said, "and he takes the issue of resolving the status as very important. Dealing with economic hardships on the island is very important."

For the record, about that first-official-visit designation by the White House: President Gerald R. Ford came to Puerto Rico in 1976, but it was for a Group of Seven economic summit, so that apparently does not count as official, since it was not for official Puerto Rico business (although choosing Puerto Rico to host the G7 undoubtedly brought a lot of dollars to the island). Ditto for President Lyndon B. Johnson – he came in 1968, to visit a military base, so that trip was also not being considered official. □

# Record Gulf dead zone

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Scientists predict this year's Gulf of Mexico dead zone will grow larger than any they have ever measured.

Forecasters say the dead zone will reach its maximum extent later this summer and could cover an area of about 9,400 square miles, similar in size to Lake Erie. This forecast size is more than 50 percent above the average extent during the last five years.

Ocean biologists expect such a large area zone because of record-breaking floodwaters pouring into the Gulf of Mexico from the Mississippi River this spring, delivering excess nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus. These nutrients create large algae blooms that, upon decomposition, suck oxygen out of the water.

Fish, shrimp, crabs and other marine life in these dead zones – areas of hypoxic water – are stressed and sometimes can die due to oxygen starvation.

Last month, stream-flow rates in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers leading to the Gulf were nearly twice that of normal conditions.

According to estimates from the U.S. Geological Survey, these two rivers discharged 164,000 metric tons of nitrogen into the northern Gulf in May, about 35 percent higher than average May nitrogen levels in recent decades.

That alone does not guarantee a large dead zone, however.

Strong winds and waves from hurricanes can mix the hypoxic waters into healthier parts of the Gulf, dispersing the dead zone. Or, as happened in 2009, unusual weather patterns can affect coastal winds and skew the prediction.

Nevertheless, the researchers with Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Louisiana State University and the University of Michigan, who made this year's prediction, are confident they will find large areas of hypoxic waters later this summer. □



**Statues of angels fixed at the St. Isaac's Cathedral are silhouetted on the full moon in St. Petersburg, Russia, early Wednesday, June 15, 2011.**

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# Candidates show GOP less united on goals of war

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**DERRY, N.H.** — The hawkish consensus on national security that has dominated Republican foreign policy for the past decade is giving way to a more nuanced view, with some presidential candidates expressing a desire to withdraw from Afghanistan as quickly as possible and suggesting that the United States has overreached in Libya.

The shift, while largely incremental so far, appears to mark a separation from a post-Sept. 11 posture in which Republicans were largely united in supporting an aggressive use of U.S. power. A new debate over the costs and benefits of deploying the military reflects the length of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, the difficulty of building functional governments and the financial burden at home in a time of extreme fiscal pressure. The evolution also highlights a renewed streak of isolationism among Republicans, which has been

influenced by the rise of the Tea Party movement and a growing sense that the United States can no longer afford to intervene in clashes everywhere.

The killing of Osama bin Laden has intensified questions about the need for prolonged U.S. involvement

in fighting al-Qaida.

The evolution of thinking inside the party is coming into view as Republicans begin sorting through their field of candidates to select a nominee to challenge President Barack Obama, who faces a decision this summer about a troop withdrawal

in Afghanistan. It could leave some of the party's presidential candidates at odds with its most influential voices on foreign policy, like Sen. John McCain of Arizona, who continues to call for an aggressive military effort to stabilize Afghanistan. Jon M. Huntsman Jr., a former governor of Utah who just finished a two-year stint as ambassador to China in the Obama administration, said Tuesday that the cost

of a continued military presence was a leading factor in his belief that a major troop drawdown should begin in Afghanistan.

Huntsman, who has said he would make his candidacy official next week, said a force of about 15,000 troops should be left behind for anti-terrorism efforts but added: "There's the desire on the part of most Americans to begin phasing out as quickly as possible. □"



Megan Stone, a Mitt Romney supporter, prepares signs outside the site for the Republican presidential debate at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H. The hawkish consensus on national security that has dominated Republican foreign policy for the past decade is giving way to a more nuanced view, with some presidential candidates expressing a desire to withdraw from Afghanistan as quickly as possible and suggesting that the United States has overreached in Libya.

(Cheryl Senter/The New York Times)

# Bernanke urges Congress to rein in budget deficit

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Tuesday urged Republicans to support raising the U.S. borrowing limit. He said threatening to block the increase to gain deeper federal spending cuts could backfire and worsen the economy.

Even a short delay in making payments on America's debt would cause severe disruptions in financial markets, damage the dollar and raise serious doubts about U.S. creditworthiness, Bernanke said.

It wasn't Bernanke's first warning to Republicans, who are vowing to block an increase that doesn't include a deal to slash government spending by the same amount. But it was his most explicit in terms of the consequences.

America reached its \$14.3 trillion borrowing

limit in May. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said that the U.S. could default on its debt if it doesn't raise the limit by Aug. 2. The debt limit is the amount the government can borrow to help finance its operations.

"I fully understand the desire to use the debt limit deadline to force some necessary and difficult fiscal policy adjustments, but the debt limit is the wrong tool for that important job," Bernanke said in a speech to a conference sponsored by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, the Republican who spoke after Bernanke, argued in his remarks that using the debt ceiling vote as leverage to win meaningful deficit reductions was a responsible approach for the Republicans to be taking. □



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# Boehner puts pressure on Obama on Libya operation



House Speaker John Boehner talks to the press following a political strategy session on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, June 14, 2011. Boehner says GOP presidential hopeful Michele Bachmann did a "really good job" in Monday's debate.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

**DONNA CASSATA**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Rep. John Boehner, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives urged President Barack Obama on Tuesday to explain the legal grounds for the continued U.S. military involvement in Libya and set a Friday deadline for the commander in chief's response.

Ratcheting up the pressure, the Ohio Republican said in a letter to the White House that the administration clearly will be in violation of the 1973 War Powers Act this weekend. Obama did not seek con-

gressional consent for the operation within 60 days of the March 19 U.S. airstrikes against Moammar Gadhafi's forces. "Either you have concluded the War Powers Resolution does not apply to the mission in Libya or you have determined the War Powers Resolution is contrary to the Constitution," Boehner wrote. "The House and the American people whom we represent deserve to know the determination you have made." Boehner complained that the administration has provided briefings for lawmakers but has not sought formal authorization. Seeking

an explanation, he asked Obama for answers to constitutional and statutory questions by Friday.

This month, the House voted to rebuke Obama for failing to pursue congressional approval and accused the president of not providing a "compelling rationale" for the Libyan operation. The House measure also required a report from the administration, due by Friday, on the scope of the Libyan operation, its costs and its impact on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The ongoing, deeply divisive debate originated with a lack of genuine consultation prior to commencement of operations and has been further exacerbated by the lack of visibility and leadership from you and your administration," Boehner wrote.

The White House maintains that it has been in compliance with the War Powers Act and has called the resolutions unhelpful and unnecessary.

Initially the White House brushed off the nonbinding House measure, saying it had provided answers at various briefings. But last week it said it would respond to detailed questions on the U.S. mission in Libya within the deadline. □



Sen. Roy J. McDonald, R-Stillwater, tells reporters he is going to vote yes for marriage equality legislation at the Capitol in Albany, N.Y., Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

(AP Photo/Hans Pennink)

## 2nd republican senator backs new same-sex marriage bill

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**ALBANY, N.Y.** — New York was on the cusp of legalizing gay marriage on Tuesday, after a second Republican state senator came forward to support the measure, leaving it a single vote shy of passage.

The senator, Roy J. McDonald, from the capital region, announced his support for same-sex marriage amid growing indications that Republican leaders would bring it the Senate floor on Friday.

While Dean G. Skelos, the Senate majority leader, said no final decision had yet been made, two other Republican state senators, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they believed the bill was almost certain to come up for a vote. It would most likely pass if a vote were held, the senators said, and would make New York the sixth, and largest, state in the nation to legalize same-sex marriage. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo formally introduced the bill on Tuesday in both the Assembly and the Senate, a step the governor had said that he would not take unless he were confident of victory.

Cuomo met again Tuesday with gay-rights advocates to chart strategy for the days ahead and then went to New York City to host a fundraiser with gay and lesbian supporters at a production of "Priscilla: Queen of the Desert," a Broadway musical about drag queens.

Throughout the day, advocates and opponents of same-sex marriage swarmed the halls of the Capitol, buttonholing senators to make their case. In a nod to Republican concerns, the governor's proposal includes provisions that exempt religious institutions from any obligation to solemnize or provide facilities for gay weddings. But Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, the state's top Roman Catholic leader, dismissed those protections on Tuesday as insufficient. And he issued his longest and strongest statement yet on the issue, urging lawmakers not to cave to what he characterized as a "stampede" toward legalizing gay marriage. "Last time I consulted an atlas, it is clear we are living in New York, in the United States of America — not in China or North Korea," he said. "In those countries, government presumes daily to 'redefine' rights, relationships, values and natural law. There, communiques from the government can dictate the size of families, who lives and who dies, and what the very definition of 'family' and 'marriage' means."

But momentum in Albany was clearly building for a vote on same-sex marriage this week.

On Monday, Sen. James S. Alesi of Monroe County became the first Republican senator to declare support for the bill, joining three Senate Democrats who had voted against the measure two years ago but said they would vote for it this year. □

## Wisconsin's high court restores collective bargaining limits

**MONICA DAVEY**

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The Wisconsin Supreme Court cleared the way Tuesday for significant cuts to collective bargaining rights for public workers in the state, undoing a lower court's decision that Wisconsin's controversial law had been passed improperly.

The Supreme Court's ruling, issued at the close of the business day, spared lawmakers in the Republican-dominated Capitol from having to do what some of them strongly hoped to avoid: calling for a new vote on the polarizing collective bargaining measure, which had drawn tens of thousands of protesters to Madison this year and led Democratic lawmakers to flee the city in an effort to block the bill.

Republican leaders had warned Monday that if the Supreme Court did not rule by Tuesday, they would feel compelled to attach the same measure to the state's budget bill, which is expected to be approved this week.

The decision ended, at least for now, lingering questions about when and whether the cuts would take effect, but it also underscored the state's partisan divide, which seems to grow wider by the day. The ruling was 4-to-3, split along what many viewed as the court's predictable conservative-liberal line.

The majority of the justices concluded that a lower court was wrong when it found that the Legislature had forced through the cuts in collective bargaining without giving sufficient notice — 24 hours — under the state's open-meetings requirements.

In its written decision, the court cited the importance of the separation of powers, and said the Legislature had not violated the state's Constitution when it relied on its "interpretation of its own rules of proceeding" and gave slightly less than two hours' notice before meeting and voting. In the end, the provision passed without the attendance of any of the Senate's 14 Democrats. □



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## Wildfire now largest in Arizona's history



**A sky crane fills up with fire retardant Tuesday, June 14, 2011 near Luna, N.M. and Alpine, Ariz. The focus of the battle against the massive wildfire burning in eastern Arizona shifted to New Mexico as crews continued to light fires around the town of Luna to stop the flames.**

(AP Photo/Matt York)

**MARC LACEY**

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**PHOENIX** — The massive Wallow fire that is raging through eastern Arizona and neighboring New Mexico has burned up so much additional acreage that it has become the largest fire in Arizona's history, officials said Tuesday.

As of Tuesday morning, the fire had burned more than 469,000 acres, surpassing the 468,000 acres torched in the 2002 Rodeo-Chediski fire, which affected an area not far away in Arizona's White Mountains.

The big difference between the two megafires, though, has been the damage. The Wallow fire has been far less destructive than its predecessor, destroying only 31 homes compared with 465 lost a decade ago.

The Wallow fire is named after the Bear Wallow Wilderness in the Apache and Sitgreaves national forests, where the fire is believed to have started after a camp-

fire blew out of control on May 29.

The fire was 18 percent contained as of Tuesday morning, which firefighters said represented major progress, even though containing could still take weeks.

"As far and wide and long as this fire is, 18 percent contained is small, but it's something and it shows a lot of work has been done," said Helene Holguin, a spokeswoman for the multi-agency firefighting effort. Residents from Eagar and Springerville, two Arizona communities on the northern edge of the fire, were allowed to return to their homes on Sunday after several days away.

But the fire continued eating up forest as winds pushed it northeast. Firefighters were furiously burning backfires in an attempt to contain the blaze, which had extended into New Mexico and threatened the small town of Luna. □

## Vegas judge's son pleads guilty in Bellagio heist

**KEN RITTER**

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The son of a Las Vegas judge pleaded guilty Tuesday to being the motorcycle helmet-wearing bandit who was videotaped waving a gun as he made off in December with \$1.5 million in casino chips from the posh Bellagio resort on the Las Vegas Strip.

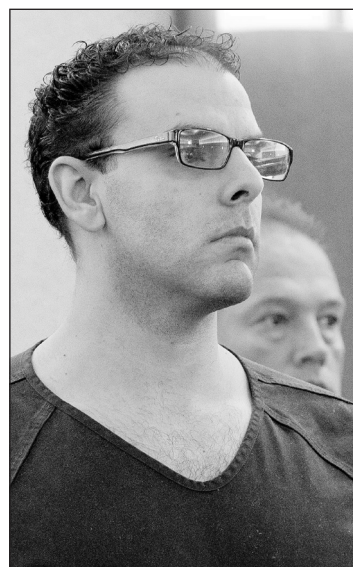
Anthony Michael Carleo, 29, apologized and told a Nevada judge he was "very foolish" for scooping chips from the craps table and pointing a handgun at a valet before jumping on a motorcycle and speeding away before dawn Dec. 14. No shots were fired.

Carleo pleaded guilty to felony armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon charges that prosecutor Chris Owens said could get him three to 36 years in state prison.

Clark County District Court Judge Michelle Leavitt scheduled sentencing Aug. 23.

Carleo is also due to plead guilty Thursday to similar charges in a separate case stemming from a Dec. 9 robbery at the Suncoast Hotel & Casino in northwest Las Vegas. Owens told reporters those charges could carry additional prison time.

As part of the plea deal in the two cases, prosecutors dropped several other assault, burglary and weapon charges and agreed not to seek additional drug and weapon charges that



**This photo shows Anthony Carleo listening during his evidence hearing in district court in Las Vegas. Carleo, a 29-year-old son of a Las Vegas judge pleaded guilty Tuesday to being the motorcycle helmet-wearing bandit who was videotaped waving a gun as he made off in December with \$1.5 million in casino chips from the posh Bellagio resort on the Las Vegas Strip. (AP Photo/Julie Jacobson, File)**

police investigated.

Carleo, the son of Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge George Assad, is being held at the Clark County jail on \$1 million bail.

Assad was ousted by voters this month from the bench seat he has held since 2002. He hasn't commented about the case since issuing a public statement following Carleo's arrest Feb. 2 at the Bellagio. Police said Carleo was apprehended after trying to sell several \$25,000 chips to

an undercover Las Vegas police officer.

Assad described himself and his family at the time as "devastated and heartbroken," and added that as a prosecutor and a judge, "I have always felt people who break the law need to be held accountable."

Police say the Suncoast robbery, which netted almost \$19,000 in cash, played out like a dress-rehearsal for the Bellagio robbery just five days later. In both cases, a motorcycle-riding bandit thwarted video surveillance by keeping his helmet on as he entered. He displayed a gun and left the gambling floor in seconds.

No one was injured in either case.

The eye-popping denominations of the of Bellagio chips — ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each — drew intense media interest and comparisons to Hollywood movies like "Ocean's Eleven."

But from the start, experts said the culprit might have trouble cashing the loot.

After the Bellagio holdup, Carleo spent two months partying, gambling big at the posh casino, and trying to figure out what to do with the high-denomination chips dubbed "cranberries" because of their color, police said. He eventually approached a casual poker player on a popular Web forum and sent photos signed "Biker Bandit" depicting two \$25,000 Bellagio chips. □



# Effort to end tax credit for ethanol fails in senate

CARL HULSE

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**WASHINGTON** — The Senate beat back a challenge to ethanol fuel subsidies Tuesday in a demonstration of how the drive to cut the federal deficit can run headlong into a favored interest on Capitol Hill.

At the same time, Vice President Joe Biden expressed confidence about bipartisan talks aimed at

The tax benefits are set to expire at the end of the year, but their proponents are already working to renew them.

Most Democrats banded together with farm-state Republicans to defeat the effort by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who along with his allies charged that federal ethanol supports are wasteful and unnecessary and are increasing the

it is going to be in place for a certain period of time, that that be honored."

Some Democrats said they based their opposition to Coburn's plan on a procedural move he made to force the vote, saying he had usurped the authority of majority Democrats to control the floor. Sen. Harry Reid, the Nevada Democrat and majority leader, said Democrats would be



Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), who is in support of the elimination of a government aid bill for ethanol producers, speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, June 14, 2011. The Senate declined to kill the annual subsidy bill for ethanol on Tuesday, allowing continued government aid for a Farm Belt-based industry.

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

producing a budget deal that would clear the way this summer for an increase in the federal debt ceiling. He predicted that lawmakers would have a proposal for "beyond \$1 trillion" in savings by the Fourth of July recess. "We are down to the really hard stuff," Biden told reporters after the first of three meetings of the negotiators this week.

On the ethanol subsidy, critics wanted to eliminate, as of July 1, the 45-cent-per-gallon tax credit offered to refiners for using the corn-based fuel at an estimated cost of nearly \$6 billion a year. The 59-40 vote Tuesday to advance the measure was 20 votes short of what was needed.

cost of food by inflating the price being paid for corn.

"Parochialism trumps the best interests of the nation," Coburn said after the vote. Those who opposed him, while acknowledging that the ethanol subsidies are likely to be eased out eventually, said it would be disruptive to the agricultural and fuel markets to make a sudden change.

"We have a lot of folks who made investments. You have people across the country whose livelihoods and jobs depend upon this," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, one of 13 Republicans who opposed the Coburn plan. "I think it makes sense, when we put policy in place and we say

back soon with an alternative proposal.

Still, the resistance to eliminating the subsidies showed the tough choices lawmakers will face as they try to agree on the emerging budget deal that Republicans say should cut \$2 trillion or more from programs that will have stronger support than ethanol promotion.

"It seems to me to be a pretty easy one," said Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the senior Republican on the Budget Committee, about the ethanol program created to provide an incentive for the development of domestic alternative fuels as a substitute for imported oil. □

## U.S. Briefs

### Ex-officer's conviction nixed

**NEW YORK (AP)** — An appeals court says a former New York City police officer shouldn't have been convicted of manslaughter for his off-duty shooting of an unarmed, drunken driver after a car crash. The state Supreme Court's Appellate Division voided Rafael Lora's conviction and dismissed the case Tuesday. Lora was off duty when he heard a minivan crash into a parked car outside his Bronx home and went to investigate in May 2007. He said minivan driver Fermin Arzu, a Honduran immigrant, ignored his commands and began driving away, dragging him along. Lora said he shot Arzu five times out of fear for his life. The court found Lora didn't act recklessly, as the manslaughter charge required. Lora's lawyers and union say his actions were justified. □

### More charges for identity theft officer

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — State prosecutors have charged a former police officer accused of living in the country illegally under a stolen identity. Prosecutors say Rafael Mora-Lopez knowingly submitted false applications to collect thousands of dollars in dividends available to legal residents from the state's oil-rich savings account. Mora-Lopez was charged Monday with unsworn falsification. State prosecutors said he agreed to plead guilty to the charge and pay restitution for more than \$27,000 in dividends from the Alaska Permanent Fund. "He told me through his attorney that he will pay with a cashier's check," said Clint Campion, a supervisor in the state special prosecutions office. □

### SBC: black pastor to #2 post

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Members of the Southern Baptist Convention elected an African-American pastor to its No. 2 position for the first time on Tuesday, signifying an effort to diversify its leadership and flock at a time of declines in overall membership and church attendance. Fred Luter Jr., the head pastor of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, was elected with 1,558 votes, or 77 percent. Some of his supporters had expected him to be unopposed, but he picked up a local Arizona challenger in Tuesday's session. Rick Ong, a deacon at First Chinese Baptist Church in Phoenix, received 441 votes, or 23 percent, according to results from the Baptist Press. □

### Far from tribal lands; Interior Dept. may allow casinos

**WASHINGTON** — Rescinding a Bush-era rule, the Interior Department said Tuesday that it would consider allowing Indian tribes to build casinos far from their reservations, raising the possibility that new gambling resorts could be built close to urban centers. The rule, adopted in January 2008, said that tribes could not open casinos beyond commuting distance from their reservations, and led to the rejection of at least 22 applications, including one by the St. Regis Mohawk tribe, which wanted to build a casino 350 miles from its reservation and 90 miles northwest of New York City. Another tribe seeking to build a casino near New York, the Stockbridge-Munsee, sued the department over the ruling, and New York's senior senator, Charles E. Schumer, lobbied to have it overturned. □



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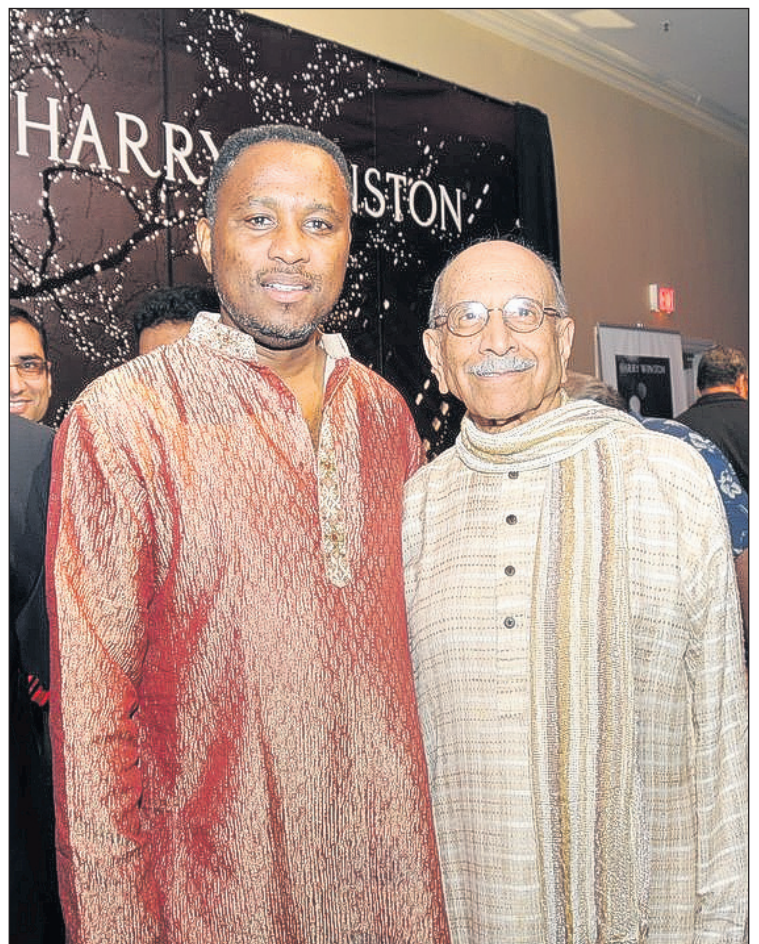
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# Celebrating Holy Communion at Amazonia Churrascaria



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## Dream wedding at Westin makes two for the Cohen family



**PALM BEACH** - The Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba continues to shine as an island leader in destination wedding events, and the recent Cohen-Gazal wedding demonstrated

how the dynamic Westin team continues to raise the bar and maintain a loyal clientele. In 2003, the Cohen family traveled to Aruba from their home in Panama to celebrate their

daughter's wedding. They were so pleased with the service of the Westin and the beautiful island of Aruba that last week they returned to celebrate daughter Jenny's wedding to Joseph "Yosy" Gazal. Some 300 guests flew to Aruba to enjoy a long weekend of wedding festivities that began on Friday evening with the Shabbat dinner held under the alfresco grand tent setting at the resort's Sea Breeze Terrace.

A Shabbat luncheon on Saturday afternoon was held in the resort's elegant ballroom. Sunday marked the big day, where a sunset beach wedding was held, followed by a cocktail reception with a chic toes-in-the-sand lounge setup where guests relaxed and toasted to the bride and groom. Guests were then ushered to the resort's Grand Caribbean Ballroom for a lavish dinner, followed by dancing until 5:00am.

Destination weddings re-



quire excellent communication long-distance with the family to coordinate the various events, as well as accommodate the needs of all guests traveling to the island, but where the Westin event, banquet, and culinary teams excel is catering to specific cultural and religious traditions and desires of the bride and groom's families. The Cohen-Gazal affair required strictly kosher food. Two kosher chefs from Exquisite Caterers were flown in

from New York to work with the Westin's culinary team to create menus for all the events that were both gourmet and kosher. The Cohen-Gazal wedding is just one of many produced by the Westin, who tailors all events to suit the specific needs, cultures, and tastes of each bride and groom from simple, intimate and tasteful to glamorous and extravagant, every bride and groom and every event is unique and special. □





# Fun & Games at the Casino & the Radisson



**PALM BEACH** – Patrons visiting the Casino at the Radisson this week were rewarded with more than \$14,000 in slot machine jackpots. One of the larger jackpots

went to Michelle Buzzi, cashing in her tokens for US\$3,043, and Colbert McFarlane, who collected a whopping US\$6,000

The Casino at the Radisson with its variety of daily activities, handed out cash and prizes with Casino Bonanza, on Tuesday, to Kelly Philip, staying at the Westin, and Christina Tucker, staying at the Radisson who won not just once, but twice!

Friday's Car Promotion, with a Suzuki Swift GLX Sport as the top prize, awarded a digital camera to Nelly Ortega, a guest of the Mill Resort & Suites and gift certificates to the resort restaurants to Joan Marin, from Aruba and Shamala Rao, a guest of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino &



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The casino's famed slot tournament featured a number of cash prizes which went to Michelle Vinck, Ruben Ladia and Kelvin Tromp at the end of

a fun tournament session. The Casino at the Radisson with a great selection of table games and slot machines opens at 12 noon weekdays and at 11am on Saturday and Sunday! ☐



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# Pakistan arrests CIA informants in bin Laden raid

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Some in Washington see the arrests as illustrative of the disconnect between Pakistani and U.S. priorities at a time when they are supposed to be allies in the fight against al-Qaida – instead of hunting down the support network that allowed bin Laden to live comfortably for years, the Pakistani authorities are arresting those who assisted in the raid that killed the world's most wanted man. The bin Laden raid and more recent attacks by militants in Pakistan have been blows to the country's military, a revered institution in the country. Some officials and outside experts said the military is mired in its worst crisis of confidence in decades. U.S. officials cautioned that Morell's comments about Pakistani support was a snapshot of the current relationship and did not represent the administration's overall assessment. "We have a strong relationship with our Pakistani counterparts and work through issues when they arise," said Marie E. Harf, a CIA spokeswoman. "Director Panetta had productive meetings last week in Islamabad. It's a crucial partnership, and we will continue to work together in the fight against al-Qaida and other terrorist groups who threaten our country and theirs." Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador to the United States, said in a brief telephone interview that the CIA and the Pakistani spy agency "are working out mutually agreeable terms

for their cooperation in fighting the menace of terrorism. It is not appropriate for us to get into the details at this stage." Over the past several weeks the Pakistani military has been distancing itself from U.S. intelligence and counterterrorism operations against militant groups in Pakistan. This has angered many in Washington who believe that bin Laden's death has shaken al-Qaida and that there is now an opportunity to further weaken the terrorist organization with more raids and armed drone strikes. But in recent months, dating approximately to when a CIA contractor killed two Pakistanis on a street in the eastern city of Lahore in January, U.S. officials said that Pakistani spies from the Directorate for Inter-Services Intelligence, known as the ISI, have been general-



**Soldiers of the Pakistani Frontier Corps during a graduation ceremony in Warsak, Pakistan. According to American officials, Pakistan's military spy agency has arrested some of the Pakistani informants who fed information to the CIA in the months leading up to the raid that led to the death of Osama bin Laden, only adding more to the fractured relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan.**  
(Kuni Takahashi/The New York Times)

ly unwilling to carry out surveillance operations for the CIA. The Pakistanis have also resisted granting visas allowing U.S. intelligence officers to operate in Pakistan and have threatened to put greater restrictions on the drone flights.

It is the future of the drone program that is a particular worry for the CIA. U.S. officials said that during his meetings in Pakistan last week, Panetta was particularly forceful about trying to get Pakistani officials to allow armed drones to fly

over even wider areas in the northwest tribal regions. But the CIA is already preparing for the worst: relocating some of the drones from Pakistan to a base in Afghanistan, where they can take off and fly east across the mountains and into the tribal areas, where terrorist groups find safe haven. Another casualty of the recent tension is an ambitious Pentagon program to train Pakistani paramilitary troops to fight al-Qaida and the Taliban in those same tribal areas. That program has ended, both American and Pakistani officials acknowledge, and the last of about 120 American military advisers have left the country. U.S. officials are now scrambling to find temporary jobs for about 50 Special Forces support personnel who had been helping the trainers with logistics and communications. □

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## More flights halted by ash from Chilean volcano

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

(AP) — The cloud of ash spewing from a volcano in Chile grounded more flights Tuesday in South America, forcing Peru's president-elect to cross a river by boat and threatening to delay the start of the continent's football championship.

The schedule of next month's Copa America could be altered if the ash cloud from Chile's volcano keeps grounding flights, Argentine Football Association President Julio Grondona said.

"We're watching it closely and it's for sure that teams are not ready to come to Buenos Aires," Grondona told Argentine broadcaster Radio 10. "The tournament starts July 1 and we hope that within five or six days the problems with the ash will not exist."

Peruvian President-elect Ollanta Humala, who met with Argentine President Cristina Fernandez on Tuesday, was forced to take a boat across the Rio de la Plata from Montevideo, Uruguay, to Buenos Aires on Monday because flights were grounded.

The main international airports in Argentina and Uruguay were closed because of ash from Chile's Cordon Caulle volcano, while across the Pacific flights resumed over Aus-

tralia's mainland as the ash drifted.

The cloud of fine grit can damage airplane engines and it had disrupted hundreds of flights since the volcano began erupting June 4. In areas near the volcano in Chile, about 4,000 people have been evacu-

ated from their homes.

Hundreds of passengers were stuck in terminals as flights remained grounded at Buenos Aires' main airports.

Many of those forced to change their travel plans have been tourists, and resorts in the mountains of Patagonia that have been blanketed with ash say they expect major losses due to



**A road is blanketed in volcanic ash from Chile's Puyehue-Cordon Caulle volcano in Villa La Angostura in southern Argentina, Tuesday June 14, 2011. Scientists say the volcano's eruption has diminished, although they warn that ash likely will keep spewing out for at least several more days. The sign reads in Spanish; "Attention, children playing."**

(AP Photo/Federico Grosso)

guay between Brazil's Santos and Uruguay's Penarol due the lack of flights, but the Brazilians managed to arrive Tuesday.

All Australian mainland flights resumed Wednesday after ash moved out to sea, but most airlines suspended service to Tasmania and New Zealand for a fourth day. □

## UN experts investigating Congolese Army

EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

U.N. experts say they are investigating reports that elements in the Congolese army used the government's recent suspension of mining activity in the volatile east as a pretext to confiscate minerals, levy illegal taxes or take over mining sites.

In an interim report to the Security Council circulated Tuesday, the six-member panel of experts said it is also seeking to corroborate allegations that military vehicles and military officials facilitated the illegal export of natural resources at borders during the suspension

of mining from last Sept. 11 to March 10 in three eastern provinces.

The expert group expressed concern that these practices "are likely to continue today, owing to the high incentive to avoid export duties."

From interviews with diggers, buyers and trading houses in two of the provinces, North Kivu and South Kivu, the panel said it learned that "although production and trade in cassiterite, coltan and wolframite significantly slowed during the suspension, they did not cease."

Cassiterite and coltan are used to make cellphones, computers and other elec-

tronics while wolframite is used in metal seals and other components.

The panel was established to monitor the effectiveness of a U.N. arms embargo, travel and financial sanctions against key individuals and companies, and the link between natural resources and financing of armed groups.

Their 57-page report, which details the continuing military activity by a number of rebel groups in the east, was issued as the council debates the extension of the mandate for the 19,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping force in Congo which expires June 30. □

## World Briefs

### US cites terror threat in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The U.S. State Department has renewed its travel warning for the Philippines, saying terrorist attacks could occur in the restive southern region and even in the capital, Manila. The latest travel advisory for U.S. citizens replaces a similar warning issued in November.

The Philippine government has complained that such warnings fail to take into account an improving security situation. Al-Qaida-linked militants have been blamed for bombing attacks and kidnappings in the southern Philippines, where Muslim rebels have been fighting for self-rule for decades.

Wednesday's U.S. advisory says that indiscriminate attacks also could target sites in Manila, including areas such as airports and malls. □

### Young soldier killed Qaida operative

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The black Toyota SUV pulled up to the security checkpoint in Mogadishu. It was night, and 22-year-old Somali soldier Abdi Hassan recalls that he ordered the driver to switch the headlights off and the interior lights on. "They are the elders," said the driver, referring to the car's occupants with an honorific name for top leaders of al-Shabab, Somalia's most dangerous militant group. "I don't know the elders," Hassan said he responded, letting the driver know he wouldn't be simply waved through the checkpoint. And thus a routine stop at a checkpoint in Somalia's capital turned into a shootout resulting in the death of Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of attacks on two U.S. embassies in Africa that killed 224 people. □

### EU's campaign comes under scrutiny

LONDON (AP) — Europe has a lot riding on NATO's mission in Libya, with the campaign widely seen as one spearheaded by European vision and the United States staying on the sidelines. But as the conflict enters its fourth month, the continent's military leaders are beginning to ask if they can afford to keep up the fight, raising more questions about Europe's commitment after big talk from the leaders of Britain and France. Britain's top naval officer, Adm. Mark Stanhope, warned Monday that his nation — its military hobbled by severe budget cuts and the continuing cost of the Afghan war — would face hard decisions if the Libya mission is not resolved by September. "If we do it longer than six months, we will have to reprioritize forces," he said, indicating the current commitments cannot be maintained indefinitely. □

### Cuba publishes 'Che's revolution diary

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba has published revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara's journal from the guerrilla campaign he fought with Fidel Castro.

"Diary of a Combatant" covers the period from 1956 until late 1958, days before the Cuban Revolution swept Castro to power. It begins with his arrival in Cuba aboard the yacht "Granma" with Fidel and Raul Castro and covers his march from the eastern side of the island to the capital.

It was launched in Havana on Tuesday — which would have been Guevara's 83rd birthday.

Guevara's widow Aleida March and one of his daughters were on hand to sign copies. March told reporters the purpose of publishing the diary is "to acknowledge his thoughts, life and work."

Guevara was killed in Bolivia in 1967. □



# Death toll rises to 19 in Venezuela prison riot

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — The death toll from a riot at a prison near Caracas has risen to 19, Venezuela's justice minister said Tuesday.

The violence broke out on Sunday at El Rodeo I prison east of Caracas. Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami

initially said that at least three prisoners had been killed and 22 injured.

As he announced the higher death toll Tuesday, El Aissami did not say how many other inmates were wounded.

He later announced that President Hugo Chavez's

## Suspected Colombian drug kingpin nixes plea deal: AP

**HARRY R. WEBER**  
**Associated Press**

**MIAMI/BOGOTA (AP)** — The suspected leader of a Colombian cocaine cartel had planned to plead guilty Tuesday to a drug conspiracy charge, but opted at the last minute to go to trial instead because the deal prosecutors offered meant he would likely die in prison.

An exasperated U.S. District Judge Patricia Seitz warned Jaime Alberto Marin-Zamora that the latest continuance in his case — the third — would be his last. She scheduled a trial for Sept. 26.

"That's the drop-dead date," Seitz told Marin-Zamora, who was clad in tan prison garb and was using earphones so he could hear an interpreter translate the judge's words to Spanish.

Defense lawyer David Fernandez told The Associated Press after the hearing that prosecutors offered a plea deal that would effectively mean a life sentence, which is the maximum Marin-Zamora faces if convicted of cocaine trafficking conspiracy at trial.

"We're not going to take a plea that would let him rot in jail for the rest of his life," Fernandez said. "We were looking for a number we could live with and my guy wouldn't die in jail."

Fernandez declined to discuss specific details of the negotiations.

As he left in a court elevator, Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Fels declined to comment, throwing up his hands in bewilderment at the latest developments in the case.

The judge wasn't happy, either.

"I thought the case would be resolved, but it obviously isn't," Seitz told the parties.

The 46-year-old Marin-Zamora was captured at a resort off the Venezuelan coast. Marin-Zamora, also known as "Beto" Marin, is a reputed kingpin in Colombia's Norte del Valle cocaine cartel. Records show he was arrested in Margarita Island, Venezuela, on Sept. 16, 2010. The records don't provide any further details of the capture.

The Marin-Zamora capture and extradition drew praise from U.S. officials, who have often accused Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez of weak anti-drug efforts.

The February 2009 indictment accuses Marin-Zamora of conspiring to distribute cocaine in Colombia and elsewhere over at least a decade knowing that the drugs would be illegally imported into the United States. □



**Inmates' relatives wait for news outside Rodeo I prison after a riot at the prison in Guatire on the outskirts of Caracas, Venezuela. Venezuela's Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said on Tuesday, June 14, that a riot broke out Sunday afternoon following visits by inmates' relatives to the El Rodeo I prison during which at least three inmates died and 22 were injured.**

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

government has decided to create a new ministry dedicated exclusively to prisons.

He said the change is aimed at "concentrating efforts" on the government's prison policies.

Violence is common in Venezuela's severely crowded prisons, where rival gangs often fight for control of cellblocks and sell weapons and drugs with the help of corrupt prison guards.

The riot followed visits by inmates' relatives, El Aissami said. It was unclear what set off the fighting.

Anguished relatives of inmates who gathered outside the prison complained about a lack of information from authorities, and told Venezuelan media that more than 30 inmates were injured.

A total of 124 deaths were reported in Venezuela's prisons in the first three months of this year, a 22 percent increase over the same period last year, according to the Venezuelan Prisons Observatory, a watchdog group. □

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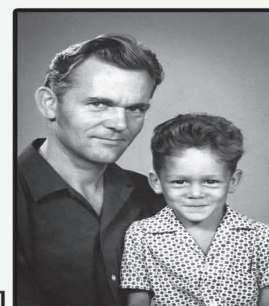
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## Strauss-Kahn's accuser portrayed as quiet, hard-working

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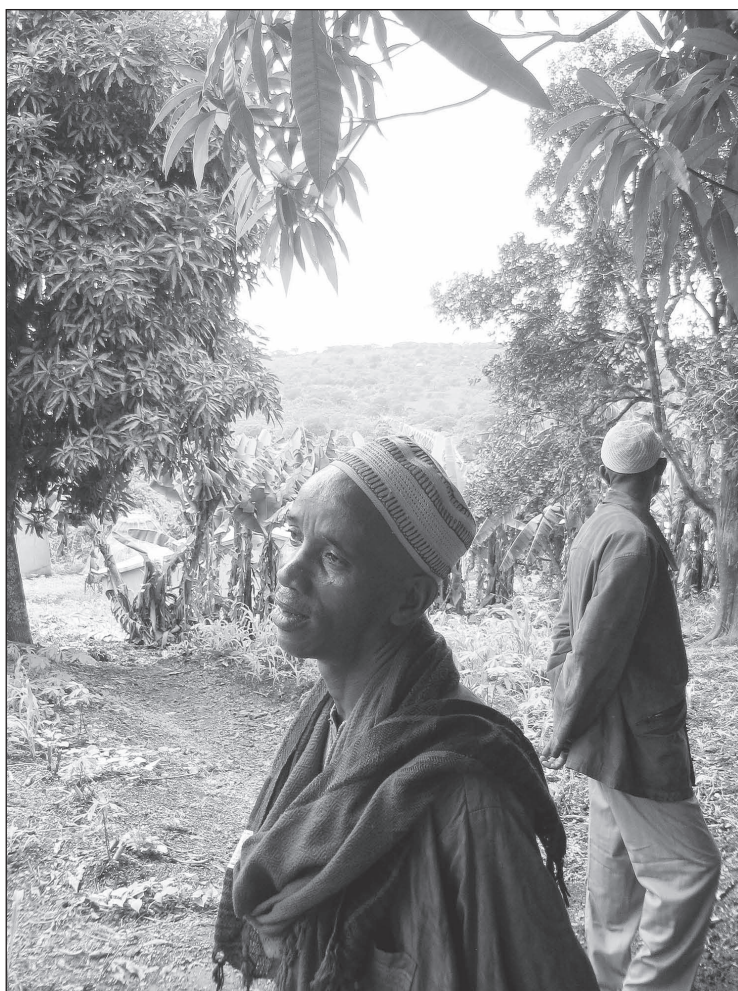
She was born in a mud hut in an isolated hamlet in Africa with no electricity or running water, a 10-minute hike from the nearest road. Unschooled, she was married off to a distant cousin as a teenager, had a daughter and was soon widowed.

Not long after, she arrived in the United States — one more anonymous immigrant in her early 20s struggling to make a new life. She served stew in a cubbyhole of an African restaurant in the Bronx and later landed a more stable job a few years ago as a

housekeeper changing the sleek sheets at the Sofitel New York in Midtown Manhattan.

Then came the encounter May 14. The woman told the authorities that she was sexually assaulted by the French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn while cleaning his suite at the hotel. Now she finds herself in the glare of international scandal.

Lawyers for Strauss-Kahn have signaled they will scrutinize her character and background in a case that pits her word against his. Strauss-Kahn was head of the International Monetary Fund and a leading contender for the French presidency before his arrest.



Mamoudou, who identifies himself as the older brother of the housekeeper who accused French politician Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexual assault, in the village of Thiakoulle, where she grew up, in Guinea, June 6, 2011. In scores of interviews with people who know her or are familiar with her life, the woman, now 32, is portrayed as an unassuming and hard-working single mother.

(Adam Nossiter/The New York Times)

He has hired private detectives as well as prominent defense lawyers who have said in court papers that they have "substantial information" that could "gravely undermine her credibility." They have not provided details.

In dozens of interviews with people who know her or are familiar with her life, the woman, now 32, is portrayed as an unassuming and hard-working single mother.

The interviews were conducted in New York and in her homeland, Guinea, with relatives, neighbors,

co-workers and former employers. The woman herself has stayed out of public view in recent weeks and has not spoken to reporters. "She is a village girl who didn't go to school to learn English, Greek, Portuguese, what have you," said her older brother, 49, whose first name is Mamoudou. "All she learned was the Quran. Can you imagine how on earth she is suffering through this ordeal?"

"The place where she is now — I don't even know where it is," he added. The woman, the youngest of five children, was

raised in a deeply religious household, according to Mamoudou and another brother, Mamadou, who is in his early 50s. Both brothers still live in a village called Thiakoulle, where they grew up with her.

(Guinea, in West Africa, is a mostly Muslim country, and many men from the woman's ethnic group are called some variation of Mamadou, Muhammad in the local language. The New York Times generally does not identify people who say they have been victims of sexual assault. To protect the woman's identity, The Times has also omitted the surnames of her relatives.)

Their father was a respected local imam, and when they were young they studied at home, the brothers said, using a set of traditional wooden panels inscribed with passages from the Quran.

As a girl, she was shy, sheltered and raised to respect authority.

"Before she left here, nobody even knew if she could speak up for herself," Mamoudou said. "She never got into any arguments, with anybody."

"Even if she were hungry, she wouldn't tell you," he added during an interview in the family home, a Spartan, concrete structure that replaced the thatched-roof hut where she was born. Leather-bound holy books rested on a table. The only picture on the wall was of a white-bearded elderly man, their father, now deceased.

She lived in the hamlet until she was a teenager, then moved, possibly for work, to Guinea's capital, Conakry, a 13-hour drive along rugged mountain roads. □

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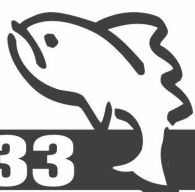
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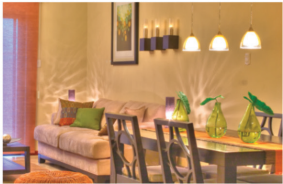
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# People argue just to win, scholars assert

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For centuries thinkers have assumed that the uniquely human capacity for reasoning has existed to let people reach beyond mere perception and reflex in the search for truth. Rationality allowed a solitary thinker to blaze a path to philosophical, moral and scientific enlightenment.

Now some researchers are suggesting that reason evolved for a completely different purpose: to win arguments. Rationality, by this yardstick (and irrationality too, but we'll get to that) is nothing more or less than a servant of the hard-wired compulsion to triumph in the debating arena. According to this view, bias, lack of logic and other supposed flaws that pollute the stream of reason are instead social adaptations that enable one group to persuade (and defeat) another. Certitude works, however sharply it may depart from the truth.

The idea, labeled the argumentative theory of reasoning, is the brainchild of French cognitive social scientists, and it has stirred excited discussion (and appalled dissent) among philosophers, political scientists, educators and psychologists, some of whom

say it offers profound insight into the way people think and behave. The Journal of Behavioral and Brain Sciences devoted its April issue to debates over the theory, with participants challenging everything from the definition of reason to the origins of verbal communication.

"Reasoning doesn't have this function of helping us to get better beliefs and make better decisions," said Hugo Mercier, who is a co-author of the journal article, with Dan Sperber. "It was a purely social phenomenon. It evolved to help us convince others and to be careful when others try to convince us." Truth and accuracy were beside the point.

Indeed, Sperber, a member of the Jean-Nicod research institute in Paris, first developed a version of the theory in 2000 to explain why evolution did not make the manifold flaws in reasoning go the way of the prehensile tail and the four-legged stride. Looking at a large body of psychological research, Sperber wanted to figure out why people persisted in picking out evidence that supported their views and ignored the rest — what is known as confirmation bias — leading them to hold on to a belief dogged-

ly in the face of overwhelming contrary evidence.

Other scholars have previously argued that reasoning and irrationality are both products of evolution. But they usually assume that the purpose of reason-

side effects of blind evolution. They are a result of the way that the brain, a Rube Goldberg mental contraption, processes memory. People are more likely to remember items they are familiar with, like their own



**Helene Landemore, an assistant professor of political science, at Yale University, in New Haven, Conn., on May 25, 2011. Landemore and Hugo Mercier have proposed that the arguing and assessment skills employed by groups make democratic debate the best form of government for evolutionary reasons, regardless of philosophical or moral rationales.**

(Christopher Capozziello/The New York Times)

ing is to help an individual arrive at the truth, and that irrationality is a kink in that process, a sort of mental myopia. Gary F. Marcus, for example, a psychology professor at New York University and the author of "Kluge: The Haphazard Construction of the Human Mind," says distortions in reasoning are unintended

beliefs, rather than those of others. What is revolutionary about argumentative theory is that it presumes that since reason has a different purpose — to win over an opposing group — flawed reasoning is an adaptation in itself, useful for bolstering debating skills.

Mercier, a post-doctoral fellow at the University of

Pennsylvania, contends that attempts to rid people of biases have failed because reasoning does exactly what it is supposed to do: help win an argument. "People have been trying to reform something that works perfectly well," he said, "as if they had decided that hands were made for walking and that everybody should be taught that."

Think of the American judicial system, in which the prosecutors and defense lawyers each have a mission to construct the strongest possible argument. The belief is that this process will reveal the truth, just as the best idea will triumph in what John Stuart Mill called the "marketplace of ideas." Mercier and Sperber have skeptics as well as fans. Darcia Narvaez, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Notre Dame and a contributor to the journal debate, said this theory "fits into evolutionary psychology mainstream thinking at the moment, that everything we do is motivated by selfishness and manipulating others, which is, in my view, crazy." To Narvaez, "reasoning is something that develops from experience; it's a subset of what we really know." □



# Getting away with it



JOE NOCERA

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Not long ago, I came into possession of the names of the investors in the now-defunct Galleon Group, the hedge fund firm that was run by Raj Rajaratnam, who last month was convicted of insider trading. It's a long and impressive list. Cornell, Colgate and Texas A&M each entrusted part of their endowments to Galleon. State pension funds in New Hampshire and Virginia invested with Rajaratnam.

There were a handful of foundations, like the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, and lots of family trusts. Private wealth managers, like Banque Privée Edmond de Rothschild, steered clients to Galleon. AIG, the insurance giant, and Yuengling, the beer company, were investors. So were Kenneth Cole, the fashion designer; Peter Peterson, the Blackstone co-founder; and Jeffrey Vinik, the long-ago former manager of the Fidelity Magellan mutual fund. In other words, the investors were pretty much whom you'd expect to find in a big-time hedge fund with a stellar long-term track record. And, of course, as Galleon enriched its investors, Rajaratnam also got rich: Shortly before he was arrested, Forbes magazine listed his net worth at \$1.5 billion.

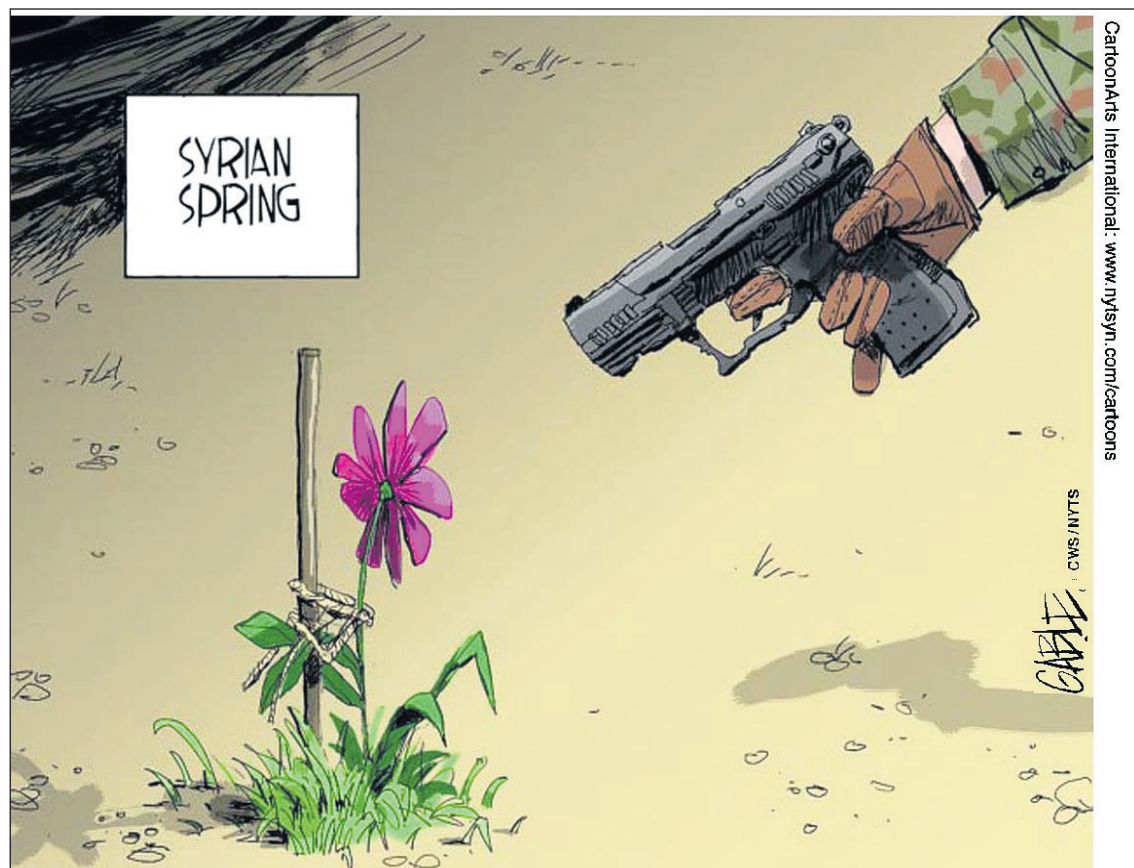
As I pored through the Galleon list, though, I couldn't help thinking about another group of investors who had unwittingly hitched their wagon to a crooked hedge fund manager. Like Rajaratnam, Bernie Madoff had a client list that included institutions and foundations, public figures and wealthy executives, family trusts and retirement accounts.

Yet, despite the similarities, the two groups of investors have been treated completely differently since the crimes of their respective fund managers were exposed. For many investors in Madoff's Ponzi scheme – the “net winners” who took out more money than they put in – the experience has been hellish. Irving Picard, the trustee in the Madoff case, has sued many of them to recover some or all of their ill-gotten gains. By contrast, the Galleon investors have paid no price at all. They've been able to keep every ill-gotten penny.

Why is this so? More to the point, why is it right? One reason is that, unlike Rajaratnam, Madoff only pretended to be running a hedge fund; like all Ponzi schemers, he used money coming in from new investors to pay other investors. That's why the law justifies clawing it back: Picard is essentially trying to return stolen money to the “net losers.”

Yet isn't insider trading also a form of stealing? After all, Rajaratnam was convicted of stealing information that gave him an unfair advantage over other investors. The gains he made from those unfair trades robbed the people who, lacking the information he had obtained, sold the shares that Galleon bought. In insider-trading cases, prosecutors try to find those people so that appropriate restitution can be made. But only Rajaratnam will have to make that restitution. His investors get to keep the profits that resulted from his illegal trades.

There is a second issue. In the Madoff case, Picard has been particularly punitive toward investors who “knew or should have known” that Madoff was crooked; that is, people who, in the trustee's view, ignored red flags that should have alerted them to Madoff's wrongdoing. The most prominent people in this category are Fred Wilpon and Saul Katz, the owners of the New York Mets, whom the trustee has sued to claw back a cool \$1 billion – despite their insistence that they had no clue. □



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I'll be writing a lot about the presidential election over the next 16 months, but at the outset I would just like to remark that I'm opining on this whole campaign under protest. I'm registering a protest because for someone of my Hamiltonian/National Greatness perspective, the two parties contesting this election are unusually pathetic. Their programs are unusually unimaginative. Their policies are unusually incommensurate to the problem at hand. This election is about how to avert national decline. All other issues flow from that anxiety. The election is happening during a downturn in the economic cycle, but the core issue is the accumulation of deeper structural problems that this recession has exposed – unsustainable levels of debt, an inability to generate middle-class incomes, a dysfunctional political system, the steady growth of special-interest sinecures and the gradual

## Pundit under protest

loss of national vitality. The number of business startups per capita has been falling steadily for the past three decades. Workers' share of national income has been declining since 1983. Male wages have been stagnant for about 40 years. The American working class – those without a college degree – is being decimated, economically and socially. In 1960, for example, 83 percent of those in the working class were married. Now only 48 percent are. Voters are certainly aware of the scope of the challenges before them. Their pessimism and anxiety does not just reflect the ebb and flow of the business cycle, but is deeper and more pervasive. Trust in institutions is at historic lows. Large majorities think the country is on the wrong track, and have for years. Large pluralities believe their children will have fewer opportunities than they do.

Voters are in the market for new movements and new combinations, yet the two parties have grown more rigid. The Republican growth agenda – tax cuts and nothing else – is stupefyingly boring, fiscally irresponsible and politically impossible. Gigantic tax cuts – if they were affordable – might boost overall growth, but they would do nothing to address the structural problems that are causing

a working-class crisis. Republican politicians don't design policies to meet specific needs, or even to help their own working-class voters. They use policies as signaling devices – as ways to reassure the base that they are 100 percent orthodox and rigidly loyal. Republicans have taken a pragmatic policy proposal from 1980 and sanctified it as their core purity test for 2012.

As for the Democrats, they offer practically nothing. They acknowledge huge problems like wage stagnation and then offer ... light rail! Solar panels! It was telling that the Democrats offered no budget this year, even though they are supposedly running the country. That's because they too are trapped in a bygone era. Mentally, they are living in the era of affluence, but, actually, they are living in the era of austerity. They still have these grand spending ideas, but there is no longer any money to pay for them and there won't be for decades. Democrats dream New Deal dreams, propose nothing and try to win elections by making sure nobody ever touches Medicare.

Covering this upcoming election is like covering a competition between two Soviet refrigerator companies, Cold War relics offering products that never change. □



# Limping to 3000! Jeter placed on IR

New York Yankees' Derek Jeter hits a single off of Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Carlos Carrasco in the first inning of a baseball game Monday, June 13, 2011, in New York. Lou Marson catches for the Indians.

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### Americans try to avoid record drought in majors



Dustin Johnson watches his drive from the 16th tee during a practice round for the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

**BETHESDA, Md.** – What began as an anomaly has turned into a troubling trend for American golf. Graeme McDowell became the first European in 40 years to win the U.S. Open last summer at Pebble Beach. Perhaps more telling was that this was the first time in more than 100 years that no Americans finished among the top three in their national championship. And that was just the start. There were no Americans in the top three in the British Open a month later at St. Andrews. And for the first time in Masters history, international players occupied the first three places at Augusta National. Is American golf on the ropes?

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## STILL GOT GAME

### Serena rusty, manages win in return at Eastbourne



Serena Williams of the U.S. plays a return to Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria during their singles tennis match at the Eastbourne International grass court tennis tournament in Eastbourne, England, Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

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# Report: Hamilton lawyer talks to Feds about Lance

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A lawyer representing Tyler Hamilton told the ESPN.com sports website Monday he felt compelled to notify federal authorities about an incident involving his client and fellow cyclist Lance Armstrong. Hamilton, who has accused the seven-time Tour de France winner of doping, and Armstrong had a conversation in an Aspen, Colorado restaurant Saturday. Attorney Chris Manderson said Hamilton told him Armstrong made derisive comments, while the restaurant co-owner and friend of Armstrong told ESPN.com: "It was not a big confrontation." Federal officials are now in their second year

of investigating doping in cycling. A Los Angeles-based grand jury is hearing evidence that could lead to charges of fraud, conspiracy and drug trafficking against Armstrong and his team. "Lance Armstrong is a possible defendant in an investigation that's been widely reported, and Tyler is a probable witness," Manderson told the website. "When there's any contact, especially aggressive contact, we as lawyers have a duty to inform the authorities. ... What they will do with it, I don't know." A spokesman for Armstrong declined comment when approached by ESPN.com. Armstrong told Outside Magazine the incident



**Team RadioShack cyclist Lance Armstrong makes his way past a rest stop during the 100 mile Harpeth River Ride Saturday, June 11, 2011 in Franklin, Tenn.**

**Associated Press** was "certainly awkward for both of us" and "truly uneventful." □

# NFL, NFLPA negotiators meet again, push for deal

**By BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**NEW YORK** — Don't break out the tailgate gear just yet. An end to the NFL lockout might not be imminent. It does appear much closer than at any point in the last three months, though. Recent progress in labor talks between the league and players has sparked a new sense of optimism, and team owners have been told to be ready to extend their one-day meetings in Chicago next week. The two sides were making progress in labor negotiations being held Tuesday at an undisclosed location in Maryland. Those talks will go through at least Wednesday and quite possibly to

the end of the week.

A person with knowledge of the talks told The Associated Press that the owners and players are "headed in the right direction" and that lawyers "are back in the room" after being excluded from sessions the past two weeks. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the meeting are not being made public.

Two other people familiar with the talks say a framework for a new collective bargaining agreement could be in place before the owners gather next Tuesday. Previous "secret" meetings have taken place in Chicago and New York. Such sessions have been critical in past NFL negotiations, dating back to the 1980s. And the presence of lawyers at Tuesday's talks could indicate the side are hashing out details of a potential agreement.

Still, it would be premature to predict that lockout is about to end, the people familiar with the talks told the AP. Yet the atmosphere of negotiations has been more positive than it was previously, creating "a sense of movement," they said.

That movement toward an agreement might be in both sides' best interest after a federal appeals court judge warned the owners and players they might not like the upcoming decisions in legal actions sparked by the lockout. Indeed, the court could delay any rulings if a new CBA appears to be near. On hand at the meetings were NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell; NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith; several owners, including the Giants' John Mara and the Cowboys' Jerry Jones; and a large group of players that includes NFLPA President Kevin Mawae, Jeff Saturday, Mike Vrabel, Tony Richardson and Dominique Foxworth.

While no deadlines have been set for the opening of training camps, the 32 teams soon will need to decide whether to delay them, particularly those clubs that stage a portion of camp out of town. □

## MAJORS

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"Are you asking that because I'm the highest-ranked American?" Steve Stricker said Tuesday. Stricker, a 44-year-old who didn't even have a full PGA Tour card five years ago, won the Memorial two weeks ago and climbed to No. 4 in the world, making him the top-ranked American. He still lags well behind a pair of Englishmen, Luke Donald and Lee Westwood, and Martin Kaymer of Germany. But the world ranking tells only part of the story. Americans have never gone more than four majors without winning one of them, and the U.S. Open at Congressional might be their best chance to avoid a record drought since this configuration of Grand Slam events began in 1934. "I think this tournament will tell a lot," Stricker said. "If an American can win here, maybe we can gain back some of that momentum. It seems to be pro-Europe every week, every major. It will be interesting this week to see what happens. I think we are on the ropes a little bit. Everybody sees it. Everybody talks about it." Based on recent times, history might not be on the side of the Stars & Stripes outside the nation's capital. Over the last 10 years, the



**Phil Mickelson walks across the 6th green during a practice round for the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Tuesday, June 14, 2011.**

U.S. Open is the one major where Americans have had the least amount of success. They have won only four times since 2001, with Tiger Woods capturing two of them. And he's not even at Congressional this week, out with a bum left leg.

It was only four years ago when it seemed that Europeans couldn't win a big one. Padraig Harrington preached patience, saying golf runs in cycles and Europe would get its due. Ernie Els couldn't agree more.

"Everything happens in cycles, and I can see it happening again now," he said. "I remember back in the early '90s, Europe was dominating like they are dominating now in the

world rankings. They've definitely got the upper hand at the moment, and it will probably change again in the future."

The trick is figuring who the future is for American golf. Right behind Stricker in the world ranking is Phil Mickelson, the last American to win a major when he beat Westwood at the Masters last year. Mickelson turns 41 on Thursday, although he still thinks he has several years and more majors ahead of him.

Even so, Mickelson has been spending a lot of time lately trying to groom younger players, mostly for Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup matches, but also to get them sharp for majors. He played Tuesday with Dustin Johnson, regarded

by many as the most talented of the Americans under 30. Joining them were Jeff Overton and Hunter Mahan, whose three wins include a World Golf Championship at Firestone last year.

"I'm actually very encouraged with where our American golfers are, especially the young players," Mickelson said. "We have a plethora of great players coming up. And I think at the forefront is a guy like Dustin Johnson." Johnson very easily could have won two majors last year, and this wouldn't even be a discussion. He took a three-shot lead into the final round at Pebble Beach until a shot in the bushes and a shot onto the beach left him with an 82. □

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# Serena struggles to 3-set win on return to action

**CAROLINE CHEESE**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
**EASTBOURNE, England**

(AP) — Making her return to competitive tennis after a life-threatening illness, Serena Williams was only really worried about one thing on Tuesday — her nails.

The 13-time Grand Slam champion recovered from a terrible start to win her first match after nearly a year out, beating Tsvetana Pironkova 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round.

She said she "felt a little something" in the foot she injured shortly after winning Wimbledon last year, but when she fell in the last game, that was no longer her concern.

"It's definitely not cool on my nails if I fall," she said. "I can potentially break one and that makes me really upset. I have three weeks to get through without breaking a nail."

Williams started out looking nothing like the player who lifted the Wimbledon trophy in her last tournament. Her movement was uncertain, and she appeared not to trust her groundstrokes or her usually dominant serve. She held for the first time at 5-0 down, and only slowly began to look like her old self.

"How difficult was the first set? It wasn't too difficult, it

wasn't long," Williams said. "It was over really fast and I thought, well hopefully I can get some momentum. I think I was just a little anxious and missing a tremendous amount of shots."

Williams reeled off the first three games of the second set to take control, and despite squandering a 2-0 lead in the decider, she broke again to secure the win.

Williams hasn't played since July last year after cutting her foot, which eventually led to blood clots on her lungs. By the time she came to serve out the match after two hours on court, the 29-year-old American was breathing heavily and was given a warning by the umpire for taking too much time between points.

Williams said she thought she should have been given a pre-warning, and wondered "whether I had been gone so long that they changed it." But despite the struggle, Williams said she had enjoyed her return.

"I definitely think I had fun," she said. "After everything I've been through, it's all fun to me now. It's all a bonus." Next is a repeat of the 2010 Wimbledon final against top-seeded Vera Zvonareva, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over British wild card Heather Watson.

"She's a great player and I have nothing to lose," Williams said. "I'm going to go in there and do what I can do. Whatever happens, happens."

Williams, wearing an eye-catching pink dress with black underskirt which she said was inspired by French actress Brigitte Bardot, walked out to the song "I'm The World's Greatest," chosen by organizers rather than herself, and was given a warm welcome as she was introduced to a nearly full stadium.

But she looked unsure of herself even in the warmup and it spilled over into the match. Her sister Venus, who returned after five months out on Monday, began her match with two double-faults, and Serena opened her first service game with one of her own. Pironkova, who reached the semifinals at Wimbledon last year but had won only four matches this year, showed no sympathy to her opponent's predicament, and her fierce groundstrokes made Williams look pedestrian at times.

After falling behind 4-0, Williams smacked her racket into the turf in disgust. On winning her first game to make it 5-1, the former top-ranked player heard the rare sound of



Serena Williams of the U.S. reacts during her singles tennis match against Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria at the Eastbourne International grass court tennis tournament in Eastbourne, England, Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

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sympathetic applause.

The unseeded Bulgarian then took the set with a forehand winner. Williams, though, had begun to look — and sound — more like her old self. She greeted her winners with some determined cries of "come on" as the confidence gradually returned.

Leading 5-3 in the second set, she fell behind 0-30 but responded with a 193 kph

(120 mph) ace down the middle and a 183 kph (114 mph) ace out wide.

After letting a 2-0 lead slip, Williams immediately broke again and, after the time violation and a fall, eventually completed the win. Also Tuesday, Ana Ivanovic went through to a second-round meeting with Venus Williams with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Julia Goerges of Germany. □

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NL Roundup

# Maholm, Pirates beat Mets 3-1 to split series

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Paul Maholm pitched seven shutout innings and Brandon Wood hit a home run as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Mets 3-1 on Monday to split their four-game series.

Maholm (3-7) lowered his ERA to 3.12, allowing only three hits and two walks. Hampered by poor run support, he won for just the second time since April 25. Mets starter Mike Pelfrey nearly matched Maholm, giving up two runs and four hits in seven innings. He did not walk a batter.

Neil Walker had two RBIs as Pittsburgh (32-33) moved within a game of .500.

## Diamondbacks 12, Marlins 9

At Miami, Miguel Montero hit three doubles and drove in four runs, and pitcher Zach Duke hit a two-run homer, as Arizona downed Florida.

Juan Miranda had three RBIs and Justin Upton knocked in a pair for the Diamondbacks, who have won four of five.

Duke allowed seven runs and 13 hits in 4 2-3 innings, finishing an out short of qualifying for the win despite an early nine-run lead. Micah Owings (3-0) picked up the win by pitch-

ing 2 1-3 innings in relief. J.J. Putz earned his 18th save by pitching a scoreless ninth.

Ricky Nolasco (4-2) allowed nine runs — five earned — in three innings for the Marlins, who have lost 11 of 12 and finished 1-10 on their homestand.

## Astros 8, Braves 3

At Houston, Hunter Pence homered and drove in four runs, pushing his hitting streak to 23 games after a day off due to back trouble, as Houston beat Atlanta.

Pence missed his first game this season on Sunday while dealing with tightness in his lower back. He said before the game that he felt great and then quickly showed it by extending his career-best hitting streak with a two-run homer off Derek Lowe (3-5) in the third inning.

Pence also drove in two runs with a single in Houston's five-run sixth. He finished with three hits and his hitting streak is the longest active in the majors.

## Cubs 1, Brewers 0

At Chicago, Darwin Barney scored in the eighth inning for the only run as Chicago beat Milwaukee. Aramis Ramirez grounded to Brewers shortstop



New York Mets third baseman Justin Turner, left, puts the tag on Pittsburgh Pirates Jose Tabata (31) in the first inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh Monday, June 13, 2011. Tabata was awarded third base by umpire Jerry Layne who called Mets shortstop Jose Reyes for obstruction on the play.

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Yuniesky Betancourt with one out, but the throw to catcher Jonathan Lucroy wasn't in time to tag Barney, who dived over home plate.

Jeff Samardzija (4-2) worked one inning for the win and Carlos Marmol saved the opener of a four-game series. Brewers reliever Kameron Loe (2-6) took the loss.

## Reds 6, Dodgers 4

At Los Angeles, Bronson Arroyo outpitched Hiroki Kuroda for the second time in 11 days and singled home the go-ahead run to lead Cincinnati over Los Angeles.

Joey Votto hit a three-run homer and Chris Heisey also connected for the Reds.

Arroyo (5-6) allowed four runs and seven hits over 7 2-3 innings with no walks

in a rematch of his June 3 duel with Kuroda, which Cincinnati won 2-1. The Reds' right-hander is 4-0 with a 2.60 ERA in his last four starts against the Dodgers, after going 1-4 with a 4.67 ERA in his other nine starts against them.

Kuroda (5-8) was charged with four runs — two earned — and seven hits over 6 1-3 innings. The right-hander is 0-5 with a 4.39 ERA in his last five starts, but his teammates have totaled just nine runs during that stretch.

## Padres 3, Rockies 1

At Denver, Anthony Bass pitched five efficient innings to win his major league debut, and Ryan Ludwick drove in two runs as San Diego beat Colorado in a game delayed 83 minutes by a thunderstorm.

Bass (1-0) was called up before the game from Double-A San Antonio with Dustin Moseley still bothered by a slightly dislocated left shoulder and Aaron Harang going on the disabled list due to a bruised right foot.

The righty allowed five hits, walked four and struck out one before the storm hit and halted his night. Aaron Cook (0-1) didn't return to the mound after the long delay, either. Cook, making his second start of the season, gave up five hits and two runs in 5 2-3 innings.

**In other NL games it wasPittsburgh 3, N.Y. Mets 1; Arizona 12, Florida 9; Houston 8, Atlanta 3; Chicago Cubs 1, Milwaukee 0; San Diego 3, Colorado 1; and Cincinnati 6, L.A. Dodgers 4.** □

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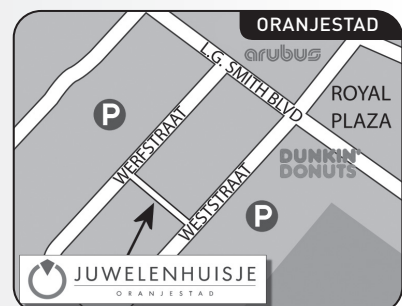
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# Yankees' Jeter goes on DL with strained right calf

By **HOWIE RUMBERG**

AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK** — Derek Jeter went on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday because of a strained right calf, an untimely setback for the New York Yankees star as he pursues 3,000 career hits.

The Yankees put the All-Star shortstop on the DL for the first time since 2003, making the move prior to their game against Texas. Jeter limped off the field Monday night, four innings after he got his 2,994th hit.

"I'm still pleading my case," Jeter said, to no avail, about an hour before the Yankees made the announcement.

Jeter and his teammates hoped he would be able to get the historic hit at Yankee Stadium. New York has three games left against Texas on this homestand, then goes on a six-game road trip to Wrigley Field in Chicago, and Cincinnati.

He still might get his chance at home, too.

Jeter will be eligible to come off the DL during the middle of a three-game series at home against Milwaukee. The Yankees then

start a six-game visit, taking on the crosstown Mets and Cleveland, before returning to the Bronx.

Infielder Ramiro Pena was called up from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. He has played well for the Yankees in stints over the past couple of years.

Backup shortstop Eduardo Nunez took over after Jeter left the 1-0 loss to Cleveland.

Jeter is known for trying to play through injuries, but hobbled away in the fifth inning and immediately left the game. An MRI exam revealed a Grade I sprain, the mildest kind.

"That's what we are really talking about, that it will take at least a week," manager Joe Girardi said before the game.

Jeter said his calf had been sore for a couple of days. He said there was discomfort when he ran off the field in the top of the fifth — it felt as if he'd been hit by a pitch, he said — and more trouble when he jogged down the line after a flyout in the bottom half, ending his night.

"I guess the timing wasn't very good," Jeter said. "It's



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter walks off the field after flying out to right field in the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Monday, June 13, 2011, in New York. Jeter then came out of the game.

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a little bit frustrating. But even if I wasn't at this point, I'd still be frustrated. I don't like not to play. Whether it's going for 3,000 hits or 100 hits, I'd rather be out there playing."

Nearing his 37th birthday, Jeter is trying to become the 28th player in major

league history to reach 3,000 hits, and the first to do it while with the Yankees.

Jeter was back in the lineup, bruises and all, the day after diving into the stands for that famous catch that bloodied his face in 2004 against Boston.

But he clearly was in trou-

ble Monday night as soon as he took one step out of the batter's box in the fifth. He went to a hospital after the early exit.

**In other AL games it was Cleveland 1, N.Y. Yankees 0; Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1, 10 innings; and L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 3.** □



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# How Sweet It Is!

**By: Dr Carlos Viana**

Sugar, like honey, darling, or 'Dushi' in our native language Papiamentu, are terms of endearment which come from that sweet tasting substance we often give our children or ourselves as a reward. Sweet! Or, is it? Everyone knows that sugar leads to tooth decay and obesity. But, what is sugar? Studies show that when whole foods such as fruits are eaten, naturally occurring sugars are released slowly during digestion into the blood stream and can be used by the body for energy. However, when foods with "added" sugars such as soft drinks or candy are eaten, absorption is rapid. This rapid absorption causes the blood sugar level to quickly rise and then fall weakening the body's natural supply of nutrients leading to numerous health problems.

Actually, there are three types of sugars. They include: synthetic, regular; and sugar- alcohols. The different sugars are not created equal; in fact they behave quite differently in our bodies. We can evaluate the obesity causing or weight gain possibility of a food by checking the food's Glycemic Index.

The glycemic index or GI describes this difference by ranking foods according to their effect on our blood glucose levels. Carbohydrates that break down quickly during digestion and release glucose rapidly into the bloodstream have a high GI; carbohydrates that break down more slowly, releasing glucose more gradually into the bloodstream, have a low GI. Choosing low GI foods - the ones that produce only small fluctuations in our

blood glucose and insulin levels - is the secret to long-term health reducing your risk of heart disease and diabetes and is the key to sustainable weight loss.

Artificial sweeteners, also called sugar substitutes, are manmade chemicals found while trying to develop new insecticides. These chemicals are used instead of table sugar to sweeten foods and beverages. Every artificial sugar has been shown to produce cancer in laboratory animals! Aspartame has been linked to panic attacks, mood changes, visual hallucinations, manic episodes, and isolated dizziness. As if these facts are not enough, saccharin can also cause anemia, or "tired blood".

There are more problems for artificial sugars. Artificial sweeteners like Splenda and Sweet'N Low have been popular for decades, as a way to enjoy sweet foods and beverages and not gain the weight associated with sugar. However, studies from Purdue University shows that these artificial chemicals can actually make people eat more, contributing to the obesity epidemic.

By the way, I rank high fructose corn syrup as an artificial sugar. In your body High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) cannot be broken down and used for energy and, instead converts to fat. HFCS has a Glycemic Index (GI) of 100. Ouch, 100 is the highest GI number possible.

We informed, Clinical Nutritionists have known all along that natural sugar is not the enemy it once was thought for managing diabetes. Doctors used to feel that eating sugar would

spike blood glucose levels too high and too fast.

All natural sugars are carbohydrates which are broken down and used for energy or metabolized at the same rate as any carbohydrate. Natural sugar can be consumed as part of your total carbohydrates for that day. Planning your total daily carbs and having a small portion of a favorite dessert made with a natural sugar is not necessarily a bad thing. Unfortunately, many foods that contain artificial sweeteners end up having more calories and fat than they would have had when made with sugar. The Glycemic Index of real brown sugar is 70, white sugar is 68, maple syrup is 65 and honey is 55.

The third type of sugars is sugar alcohols. These are neither sugar nor alcohol. Small amounts are found naturally in fruits and vegetables. They can also be manufactured and include: Lactitol, Maltitol, Mannitol, Polyols, Sorbitol, Polydextrose Xylitol and several more. These alcohol-sugars are only partly absorbed by your body, increase blood glucose more slowly and have fewer calories than regular sugar.

One of these, Xylitol, is easily produced and has become widely available. I recommend Xylitol often to our patients. There's more, Xylitol can be used the same way as white or brown sugar, tastes nearly the same, but is very low in calories for those counting and the Glycemic Index for Xylitol is only 7! This puts xylitol in the same category as foods such as vegetables, beans, whole grains, and nuts. How sweet is that?

With such a low Glycemic



Index, xylitol is a natural for people with insulin resistance. Xylitol can help insulin carry blood sugar into your cells for conversion to energy.

This means that xylitol can improve the effects of diabetes medication. Diabetics should remember to eat a meal when they take their medication.

Discovered in the 1890's, xylitol underwent intensive studies in the 1960's and 70's. Xylitol is now used in Europe, the Soviet Union, the United States and Canada.

In 1983, the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Food Additives evaluated Xylitol as safe.

The news gets even better. A recent study noted xylitol significantly reduced the ability of bacteria to produce dental cavities. Many studies have proven xylitol's usefulness in promoting wound-healing and interruption of bacterial colonies. Xylitol was even shown to help reduce antibiotic resistance and uncontrolled Staph. aureus infections. There have also been several studies looking at Xylitol's effectiveness against Strep pneumonia, the major bacteria in both sinus and ear infections. Medical research on xylitol suggests a new approach for prevention and treatment of infection without the concern about antibiotic resistance and overuse or inappropriate use

age of medications. Wow! I love sending people to cleanse their sinuses in our warm Caribbean sea, but if you can't get ocean, Xylitol comes in a nasal spray. Besides using Xylitol as a sweetener, products containing Xylitol like toothpaste, mouthwash, even dental gum, are proving themselves to be very effective.

Get The Point! Safety data on xylitol usage has been extensive. While much of the research has centered on xylitol's dental benefits, studies have also included diabetes since Xylitol is metabolized in the human body independently of insulin levels; wound; upper respiratory health including sinusitis, prevention of ear infections, calcium absorption; and even some skin problems. Trying to figure out how many and what types of carbs a day are healthy for you? Come in for a clinical nutrition evaluation and personal diet. Meanwhile, switch to Xylitol and see how sweet it is!

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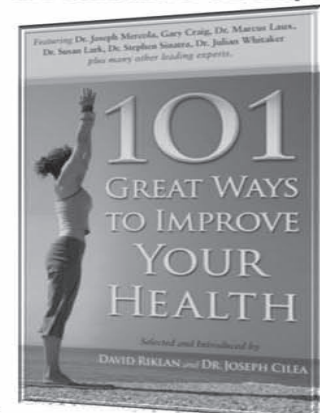
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This product image courtesy of MusicSkins shows the KISS music skin for an iPhone. Pipe and slippers? Today's dad is more likely to be trail biking with the kids, downloading sports apps or jamming with his own weekend band. So this Father's Day, consider giving him something that honors his creative, fun-loving and adventurous spirit.

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## Apple starts selling unlocked iPhones in U.S.

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AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Apple Inc. on Tuesday started selling "unlocked" iPhones in the U.S. for the first time, allowing owners to switch carriers to a limited extent and save money when traveling.

Apple is selling them on its websites and its store for \$649 and \$749 depending on how much memory they have. They're identical to the versions sold for use on AT&T Inc.'s network, but don't require a two-year contract.

The buyer will separately have to buy a Subscriber Identity Module, or SIM card, from a carrier to activate the phone. Apart from AT&T, the only national U.S. carrier that's compatible with the phone is T-Mobile USA, and it can provide only phone calls and low data speeds. Its U.S. "3G" wireless high-speed data network isn't compatible with the iPhone.

Many overseas carriers, however, are fully compatible with the phone, so international travelers can switch out their U.S. SIM card with one from the local country to avoid AT&T's international roaming fees. □

# Google expands spoken search to desktop computers

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Google is introducing more technological tricks to simplify Internet searching and give people another reason to surf the Web on its Chrome browser.

The features unveiled Tuesday include an option that will allow people to speak their search requests in English while sitting in front of their office and home computers. It's something they can already do on smartphones running on Google Inc.'s Android software. The new features serve as another reminder that search remains Google's backbone even as the company branches into mobile devices, browsers, computer software, music and even television. By continually coming up with new ways to simplify search requests, Google hopes to extend its dominance in what so far has been Internet's most lucrative market: steering people to the information they want as quickly as possible. Spurring more search requests provides Google with more opportunities to show the ads that generate most of its revenue. For now, the spoken-request option for desktop computers will be offered only on Google's Chrome browser.

It will be activated by click-



Family members of a Google worker pose with a huge Android statue and Google Android phone at Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

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ing on a microphone icon inside Google's search box. Chrome's users will get the new feature within the next few days.

Google hopes to eventually make all the features available through Microsoft Corp.'s Internet Explorer and Mozilla's Firefox browsers, both which have wider audiences than Chrome. Eventually, people will be able to speak requests in other languages, too. The speech-recognition technology draws upon a database of more than 230 billion words that Google has built while processing spoken requests on phones for the past two and a half years. Another innovation is designed to load Web pages more quickly after users click on the top

search result. The "Instant Pages" option, which also requires Chrome, builds upon a 9-month old feature in which search results automatically appear after typing in a few characters into a search box. The results change as more letters are typed in to complete the search query.

Google is hoping its browser gets another boost Wednesday. That's when a new line of laptop computers running on an operating system based on Chrome will go on sale.

The Chrome laptops from Acer Inc. and Samsung Electronics will cost \$349 to \$499 and require Internet connections to run most programs because they will have limited storage capacity, not hard drives. □

## Facebook helps itself by helping RockMelt browser

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE

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**SAN FRANCISCO** — Facebook has updated its status to include a relationship with RockMelt, an upstart Web browser that revolves around Facebook's online hangout.

The business partnership announced Tuesday resulted in the latest update to the Facebook-driven Web browser, which RockMelt introduced late last year.

The changes include several new features that ensure RockMelt's Web browser will never truly leave Facebook, even as its users surf elsewhere. RockMelt's third version built Facebook friend requests, messages and notifications into the browser's top panel. That way, users will be able to keep tabs on what's happening on their Facebook pages no matter where might be on the Web. The upgrade also makes it easier for RockMelt users to keep track of their Facebook friends and chat with them from within the browser.

"We view these features as a down payment on our partnership," said Tim Howes, RockMelt's chief technology officer.

Facebook isn't investing any money in RockMelt. For now, RockMelt is subsisting on \$10 million raised from a group that included a venture capital fund managed by Marc Andreessen, the co-founder of Web browser pioneer Netscape Communications.

Andreessen also sits on the board of Facebook, but RockMelt CEO Eric Vishria said that connection isn't the main reason why the two companies are working together.

RockMelt got an inside track to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg after one of his staffers became an early tester of the browser, Vishria said. That led to an introduction to Zuckerberg and a commitment to give RockMelt the help it needed to include more Facebook features. "We are always on the lookout for companies that are trying to create great social experiences on the Web," said Ethan Beard, Face-

book's director of platform partnerships.

Previous attempts to design Web browsers especially for social networking haven't panned out. Flock, an early attempt at building a social Web browser, is in the process of shutting down. The RockMelt partnership provides Facebook with a potential springboard into the Web browser market, which has become more competitive since Google Inc. joined nearly three years ago. Google's Chrome browser now has more than 160 million active users and serves as the hub of a new operating system for a series of lightweight computer notebooks scheduled to be released Wednesday.

RockMelt still hasn't reached its goal of attracting 1 million active users, Vishria said. He believes that is bound to change as more Facebook users, particularly those under 25 years old, hear about RockMelt. The under-25 group currently accounts for 56 percent of RockMelt's audience. "They grew up with the social Web," Vishria said. □



## Ford unveils investment in Spain

**MADRID (AP)** — U.S. automaker Ford has announced an €812 million (\$1.2 billion) investment for its plant in the Valencia region of eastern Spain. Ford Europe chief executive officer Stephen Odell said at an event in Valencia Tuesday the investment will create hundreds of jobs in a country with a 21 percent unemployment rate. The investment at the plant in Almusafes will create assembly lines for two new models: the all-terrain Kuga and a van called the Transit Connect. In 2009 Ford announced a €300 million investment in the plant to make C-MAX family-size cars and EcoBoost engines. Spanish Industry Minister Miguel Sebastian said the new investment will guarantee the future of the Almusafes plant for decades and shows that Spain is still an attractive place to invest. □

## Monster matzo marks opening



Newark Mayor Cory Booker, left, and Manischewitz Company CEO Alain Bankier, center, laugh at a comment made by Chief Rabbi of Israel Yona Metzger during the grand opening of the headquarters for the Manischewitz company, Tuesday, June 14, 2011 in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

**NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)** — They're calling it the monster matzo. Kosher products maker Manischewitz rolled it out Tuesday to celebrate the opening of its new corporate headquarters and manufacturing plant in Newark. The enormous piece of unleavened bread measured 25 feet 1 inch (7 1/2 meters) long and 41.5 inches (a little over a meter) wide and weighed about 25 pounds (11 kilograms). That's the equivalent of more than 330 regular matzos. A chief rabbi from Israel offered a blessing before the matzo was divvied up and distributed to guests at the event. The Manischewitz Company is the world leader in matzo production. It also was celebrating the opening of a new warehouse. □

## Ven. govt issues \$2.3billion in bonds

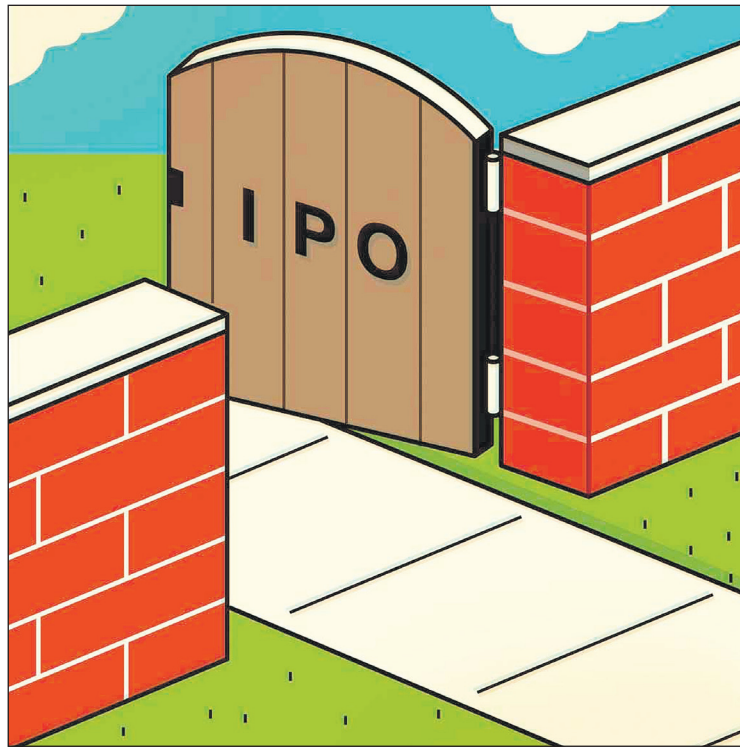
**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela's government says it is issuing the equivalent of \$2.3 billion in bonds to help cover debt payments and public spending this year. The Planning and Finance Ministry announced the offering of 10 billion bolivars in government bonds. It said in a statement on Tuesday that the bonds will be offered to state-run banks.

The ministry said the funds obtained by the government will go toward "national public debt service" as well as public spending.

In recent months, President Hugo Chavez's government has turned to state-run banks to help finance growing public spending.

Government debt held by state banks increased 32 percent in the first four months of this year and stood at about \$7.5 billion in April. □

# IPO underwriting process is showing some flaws



The underwriting process provides a vetting process and steady guidance for companies that want to go public, but in a heated market, the flaws in the system become more apparent.

(Harry Campbell/The New York Times)

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The last few decades have wrought a revolution in finance. One thing, though, remains stubbornly the same. It is the control that investment banks wield over initial public offerings. The way companies go public looks almost identical to the Ford Motor Co.'s IPO more than 55 years ago. A company hires lead underwriters, which serve as the company's spiritual and logistical advisers, helping the company prepare the necessary regulatory documents and marketing it to potential investors. The lead underwriters, and sub-underwriters hired by them, then build a book of investors who buy the shares in the offering. Through this process, an IPO price is set and the company's shares are sold into the public market.

The goal of the underwriting process is to provide not only a steady channel for companies to go public, but a vetting procedure to determine whether a company is ready to do so.

But today, the IPO market is heated, and there is the specter of a bubble in social media Internet stocks

as well as a post-bubble hangover in Chinese issuers. During this period, the flaws in the current system become more apparent. And some of these flaws are significant and hurt investors. The first crack to appear is in the gate-keeping function. Underwriters are set up by the regulatory system to be gatekeepers. Underwriters pass on some companies and certify others that their IPO is worthy for the public. Theoretically underwriters should be doubly incentivized beyond the regulatory requirements to bring good companies to market. Otherwise customers will refuse to buy shares in future IPOs underwritten by that bank.

The wave of Chinese and social media IPOs shows that this gate-keeping function can become weak. Companies are being brought to market with uncertain prospects or because they are in a hot space. If a company is characterized as such, its main quality too often seems to be whether it can be sold instead of whether it should be sold. This is a rerun of the technology bubble. In this type of market, not only is the gate-keeping function

diminished, but the banks appear to be captive of the issuers. Take LinkedIn, which had questionable corporate governance in the form of a dual-class stock and a staggered board. But LinkedIn also deliberately stoked its first-day price rise by offering only a small number of its shares at a low price. The lead underwriters for its IPO were Morgan Stanley, Bank of America Corp., Merrill Lynch and JPMorgan Chase & Co.

There is a debate over whether this jump in share price was the fault of the underwriters or LinkedIn, but the bottom line is that the underwriters did not appear to do anything to dampen the enthusiasm. This raises another problem with the gatekeeper function. Banks appear not only as weak gatekeepers in a hot market, they also dilute any negative impact on their reputation by spreading the wealth. The Groupon IPO has four lead underwriters, including Morgan Stanley. Groupon just announced the addition of six more banks to help it with its IPO.

The world of major underwriters is small, and they share the wealth by ensuring that those not chosen as lead underwriters are included in the subunderwriting group. In other words, the potential impact on an investment bank's reputation is limited since they are all involved. The second crack in the IPO process is in the sales process. The current system does not benefit retail shareholders. Instead, investment banks sell IPO shares to bigger institutional investors and rich individuals who have a relationship with the investment bank. And the profit from these sales can be large. IPO gains average 10 percent to 15 percent in normal years, and a hot-market IPO, like LinkedIn's, can have first-day gains greater than 100 percent. □



## Avis, Budget brands to unite worldwide in deal

By TOM KRISHER  
AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT** — Car rental company Avis Budget Group Inc. said Tuesday it will take over Avis Europe in a \$1 billion deal, raising the possibility that Avis Budget may back away from a bidding war for U.S. rival Dollar Thrifty. The move reunites Avis Europe, which separated from Avis in the 1980s, combines the Avis and Budget brands worldwide, and creates what the company said is the largest publicly traded rental car business in the world.

Avis Budget has been in a tug-of-war for more than a year with rival Hertz to buy Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Inc., and the European acquisition is an indication that Avis Budget is moving away from the pursuit. In a statement announcing the deal, Avis Budget said it has made progress with U.S. anti-trust regulators in talks about the Dollar Thrifty acquisition, but the European deal would be the company's priority. "While Avis Budget will continue to monitor the Dollar Thrifty situation, the company's focus squarely will be on completing and integrating the significant acquisition of Avis Europe," the statement said.

In a conference call Tuesday morning, Avis Budget

CEO and Chairman Ron Nelson would not answer questions about the status of the Dollar Thrifty acquisition. "I think that we've said all we're going to say about Dollar Thrifty," he said. Shares of Dollar Thrifty fell \$7.13, or 8.9 percent, to \$72.74 in pre-market trading Tuesday. Avis Budget shares rose 21 cents to \$16.17 ahead of the market opening.

On Monday, Dollar Thrifty's board recommended that its stockholders not tender their shares in Hertz's proposed \$2.25 billion buyout. Dollar Thrifty agreed last month to cooperate with Hertz Global Holdings Inc. to get antitrust clearance for the bid, which includes \$57.60 in cash and 0.8546 shares of Hertz common stock. But on Monday Dollar Thrifty said it was advising stockholders hold off on any action. Hertz has been competing with Avis Budget, whose overture includes \$45.79 per share in cash and 0.6543 shares of Avis, has been stuck waiting for antitrust approval. That proposal is worth about \$1.77 billion at Friday's prices for Avis shares. Dollar Thrifty had asked Avis in October not to make a formal offer so that the two companies could work together with antitrust authorities. Avis agreed to wait. □



Attorney Austin Nimocks, representing the sponsors of Prop. 8, speaks during a news conference at the Phillip Burton Federal Building in San Francisco, Monday, June 13, 2011.

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## Bankruptcy Court decides against gay-marriage ban

PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — The country's largest consumer bankruptcy court has sided with a gay couple seeking to file a joint bankruptcy petition, taking the extraordinary step of deciding the federal law prohibiting same-sex marriages is unconstitutional. The Los Angeles-based federal court made the ruling Monday in the case of Gene Balas and Carlos Morales, who wed during the

2008 window when same-sex marriage was briefly legal in California.

"It is hurtful to hear my own government say that my marriage is not valid for purposes of federal law," Balas said in a court filing.

Balas said he was laid off from his \$200,000-a-year job in the financial industry in March 2009. The couple said they share all income and expenses.

"All the property that either of us owns is community property, and all of our debts are community debts," said Morales, who has spent most of the relationship unemployed. "We have no prenuptial agreement, postnuptial agreement or transmutation agreement."

The ruling written by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Thomas Donovan wasn't the first blow to the Defense of Marriage Act in federal court. That came last year when a federal judge in Boston declared the law an unconstitutional violation of equal protection guarantees. Two other bankruptcy courts have also rejected administration attempts to dismiss joint filings made by same-sex couples, but neither of those rulings addressed the constitutionality of the act. Monday's strongly worded ruling is the first such attack of the Defense of Marriage Act in bankruptcy court

and adds to the legal assault on the law. It also adds to the building pressure on the Obama administration to make good on its February pledge to stop defending the law in court.

Attorney General Eric Holder said in February that the U.S. Department of Justice would "remain parties to the cases and continue to represent the interests of the United States throughout the litigation" despite the administration's view that the law was unconstitutional. After the administration's announcement, a House of Representatives committee hired former Solicitor General Paul Clement to defend the Defense of Marriage Act against federal court challenges.

In May, U.S. Trustee Peter Anderson, who represents the federal government's bankruptcy interests in Southern California, told the judge the Obama administration opposed the gay couple's petition to give the Congressional committee a chance to join the case in support of the Defense of Marriage Act.

The judge noted Monday that the committee didn't respond to requests to join the case.

Justice Department spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer declined to comment. Clement didn't return phone and email messages. □

## Oil rises on economy news

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Oil climbed above \$99 per barrel Tuesday following a better-than-expected retail sales report, a decline in the dollar and a broad rally on Wall Street. The U.S. government reported that retail sales slipped 0.2 percent last month, the first decline in nearly a year. Lower car sales brought down the reading. The report still beat analysts' expectations. Excluding car sales, retail sales rose 0.3 percent. The Labor Department also added some upbeat news, saying that food costs were falling.

Stocks and oil rallied after the reports came out. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for July delivery gained \$2.07, or 2.1 percent, to settle at \$99.37 per barrel, rebounding from Monday's decline on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, Brent crude added 93 cents to settle at \$119.35 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, the

Standard and Poor's 500 and the Nasdaq were more than 1 percent higher in late afternoon trading, the best gain for stocks in two weeks.

Oil rose against a weaker dollar. Oil is priced in U.S. currency and tends to rise as the greenback falls and makes crude cheaper for investors holding foreign currency.

Analyst and trader Stephen Schork noted that despite waning demand in the U.S., oil continues to look like a relatively safe investment when compared with the dollar. The world still needs fuel, and supplies are expected to get tighter this year as China and other emerging nations consume more. "There's some momentum there," Schork said. And crude prices will continue to be supported by production problems in the North Sea, a shutdown in Libyan exports and supply issues in Nigeria. Goldman Sachs said Tuesday that "it is only a matter of time" before excess production from Saudi Arabia and other OPEC countries will become "effectively exhausted." □



# Garment quality issues can't stop Brazil fashion week



Photos show models wearing creations by Movimento during the Sao Paulo Fashion Week Summer 2012 collection in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tuesday June 14, 2011.

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)



**SAO PAULO, Brazil** - Brazil kicked off its Sao Paulo Fashion Week this week, the most important catwalk parades in South America, amid concerns voiced by some designers that garment quality was lagging behind their world-class ambitions.

Cheaper and better-made Chinese textiles, below-par training for fashion students, insufficient numbers of skilled employees, high taxes and a competitive deluge of wannabe designers were all weighing down the sector, they said. On its sultry surface, however, the event -- known as SPFW -- is still parading forth with all the confidence Brazil exudes as the most glamorous and prosperous of emerging economies. Several international top models are taking part, though unusually this time Brazil's most famous export, Gisele Bundchen, the world's highest-paid model, was not.

Instead, lenses are to be focused on a male celebrity on the catwalk: Ashton Kutcher, the 33-year-old American former-model-turned-actor who will play clothes-horse Wednesday before taking up the starring role in the US sit-com "Two and a Half Men", replacing the erratic but memorable Charlie Sheen. Kutcher, and of course Brazil's leggy beauties in swimwear, guarantee an international media splash for SPFW.

But as the event clocks up

its 15th year in existence, there is a feeling that it continues to trail too far behind the better-known shows of

progress in Brazil. To be more competitive, we need better material and technology in this country,"



Paris, Milan, London and New York -- and that Brazil is not being taken seriously as a global fashion player. "Textile engineering has to

one of the designers taking part, Reinaldo Lourenco, told the Folha de Sao Paulo daily. □





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## Entertainment Briefs

### Hefner: Playmate cancelled wedding

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner says his fiancée has called off their wedding. The 85-year-old Hefnersays in a Tuesday message on Chicago-based Playboy's official Twitter feed that 24-year-old Crystal Harris has "had a change of heart." Hefner announced in December that he and the former Playmate were getting married, tweeting that he'd given Harris an engagement ring. He has said that the wedding was scheduled for this Saturday at the Playboy Mansion in the Holmby Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles. The marriage would have been Hefner's third. He divorced Playmate Kimberly Conrad in 2009. □



Crystal Harris

### Jackson reads 'Go the (Bleep) to Sleep'

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Samuel L. Jackson is narrating the audio book for the profane hit nursery rhyme "Go the (Bleep) to Sleep." The star of such films as "Pulp Fiction" and "Snakes on a Plane" is known for his way with a four-letter word. "Go the (Bleep) to Sleep" is this summer's surprise hit by tired dad Adam Mansbach. The hardcover book and audio version went on sale Tuesday. Pre-orders have kept the book high on the Amazon.com best-seller list for weeks. Film rights have already been sold.

A free download of the book is available through audible.com. The 62-year-old Jackson was a presenter at Sunday's Tony Awards. He's set to make his Broadway debut this fall as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in "The Mountaintop." □

### Nicolas Cage settles case with ex

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Attorneys say they have settled a case involving Nicolas Cage and his ex-girlfriend after an all-day series of meetings with a judge. The actor did not speak to reporters as he left a Los Angeles courthouse after more than five hours of settlement discussions.

Cage faced off with his ex-girlfriend Christina Fulton throughout the day, walking past her when he arrived Tuesday morning and both were apparently present for a final meeting with Superior Court Judge Teresa Sanchez-Gordon that solidified the deal. The judge met privately with each side several times before the confidential agreement was reached. Fulton sued the Oscar winner in December 2009, claiming he owed her \$13 million and broke a promise to give her a house for her and their son. □

## Janet Jackson gets 'Nasty' in the Louvre

JENNY BARCHFIELD

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — It's a safe bet that the Louvre Museum, that hallowed sanctum that houses the Venus de Milo, the Mona Lisa and countless other priceless artistic treasures, has never seen moves quite like Janet Jackson's.

The Grammy-winning pop princess gave her raunchy fabulous best for a good cause on Tuesday, bumping and grinding her way through a raucous set at a glitzy charity gala Tuesday inside the museum.

The concert — the highlight of the "Liaisons au Louvre" benefit, with proceeds going to the museum — was a first-ever for an institution more often associated with string quartets in period costume than sexed-up American pop divas.

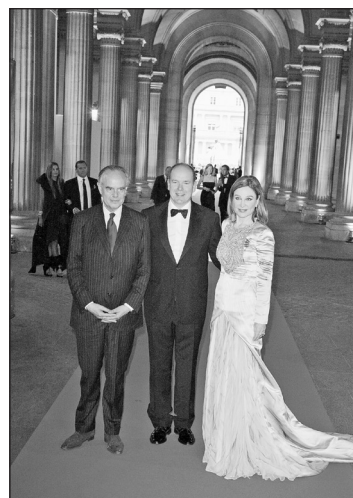
Held under I.M. Pei's iconic pyramid, Jackson's performance was loud enough to make the glass paneling reverberate overhead. Jackson, sporting a white crocodile pantsuit and surrounded by a cadre of crotch-grabbing dancers, belted out a medley of her greatest hits, including 1986's "What Have You Done For Me Lately," "Miss You Much" and "Rhythm Nation," both from 1989, as well as her trademark hit "Nasty."

Astonishingly for a posh charity event — where cumbersome evening gowns tend to keep guests glued to their seats — Jackson had the well-heeled crowd of about 300 up and dancing.

"Her music is the soundtrack of all our lives," gushed Lucas Somoza, a 29-year-old Houstonian who now lives in Paris. "She is one of the iconic singers of our times and to see her live is mind-blowing."

The Louvre closed early

to the public Tuesday to receive guests including Prince Albert II of Monaco and actress Diane Kruger, as well as hundreds of art lovers and do-gooders with deep pockets. They sipped flutes of Champagne as they ambled among the



France's Minister of Culture Frederic Mitterrand, left, Prince Albert of Monaco, center, and President of American Friends of the Louvre Association, Becca Cason Thrash, arrive for a charity benefit performance of pop star Janet Jackson in Paris' Louvre Museum in Paris, Tuesday June 14, 2011. Sponsored by French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, the black-tie concert is to be held beneath the museum's iconic glass pyramid.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

works of art and explored private chambers once belonging to Louis XIV, the Sun King, before dining in a covered sculpture garden. The "Liaisons au Louvre" event is organized by Becca Cason Thrash, a Houston-based philanthropist whose work for the museum has made her a beloved figure in France.

"Americans have done so much for culture here in France. They saved Versailles and Giverny," Culture Minister Frederic Mitterrand told The Associated Press, referring to the sprawling royal palace in the Paris suburb of Versailles and the home of Impressionist painter Claude Monet in the northern Normandy region. "I can only applaud the work done by Mrs. Thrash, who's one of those marvelous Americans who put so much time and effort into saving the precious things we're lucky enough to have in this country."

Thrash herself played auctioneer at the event, using her Southern charm to up the ante and fetch the highest possible price for lots including luxury holidays and a painting by Richard Price, which went for \$700,000. □

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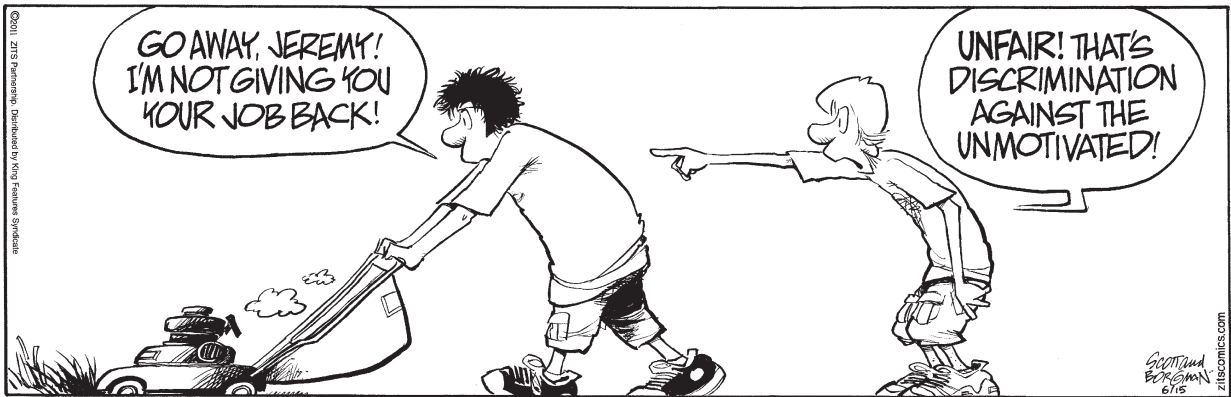
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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2	9	1	8	7	5	4	6	3
8	5	6	9	3	4	2	1	7

ACROSS

- 1 Robin's home
- 5 Jeweled crown
- 10 \_\_\_ drink; pop
- 14 Facial woe
- 15 Trimmed a lawn's border
- 16 Stack
- 17 Baby buggy
- 18 Audibly
- 19 Burden
- 20 Reckon
- 22 Cover
- 24 Female sheep
- 25 City in England
- 26 \_\_\_-up; sudden outbreak
- 29 Rooster's mate
- 30 Hut
- 34 Cornucopia
- 35 Affirmative vote
- 36 Esprit de corps
- 37 "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 38 \_\_\_ arrest; major medical emergency
- 40 Gun, slangily
- 41 Comment
- 43 Evergreen vine
- 44 Ballerina's skirt
- 45 Trap
- 46 Half and half
- 47 Flock member
- 48 Get rid of crawling pests
- 50 Female deer
- 51 Last name for Romeo's Juliet
- 54 Deny
- 58 Jumble
- 59 Cavalry sword
- 61 On \_\_\_; prompt
- 62 List of dishes
- 63 Wading bird
- 64 Get \_\_\_; take revenge
- 65 Invites
- 66 Emotional
- 67 \_\_\_ and rave

DOWN

- 1 Afternoon rests
- 2 Beige shade
- 3 \_\_\_ at; answer
- 4 Problems for hotheads

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- 42 Backbreaking
- 44 Movie house
- 46 Loss of electrical power
- 47 Brillo rival
- 49 Assail; hem in
- 50 Soiled
- 51 Unconscious state
- 52 Pub orders
- 53 Cotton candy color
- 54 Graceful animal brand
- 55 Paper towel brand
- 56 Harbinger
- 57 Departed
- 60 Undergarment



# Today In History

Today is Wednesday, June 15, the 166th day of 2011.

There are 199 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

**1167** - The city of Copenhagen's official birthday. A document from this day mentions the city for the first time.

**1215** - King John of England grants some civil liberties when he signs the Magna Carta under pressure from nobles.

**1520** - Pope Leo excommunicates Martin Luther by the Bull Exsurge.

**1567** - The troops of Mary, Queen of Scots, refuse to fight rebels at Carberry Hill, and she surrenders on the condition that her husband is allowed to escape.

**1672** - Dutch flood parts of Holland to save Amsterdam from the French.

**1752** - Benjamin Franklin demonstrates that lightning is an electrical discharge when he launches a kite during a storm at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**1862** - Turkish forces bombard Belgrade after Serb uprising there.

**1970** - Martial law is declared in Turkey when serious rioting breaks out.

**1996** - A bomb explodes in a van near a shopping center in Manchester, England, injuring more than 200 people. Local police and British and Irish leaders believe it was the IRA.

**2000** - Roman Catholic bishop Augustin Misago, accused of helping orchestrate the 1994 slaughter of more than a half-million Rwandans, is cleared of genocide charges and set free.

**2001** - Germany's fund to compensate Nazi-era slave laborers announces plans to compensate elderly survivors. Up to 1.5 million surviving slave and forced laborers — most in central and eastern Europe — are expected to be eligible for payments.

**2003** - Five suspected al-Qaida militants and two policemen are killed during overnight gunbattles in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. The militants shot their way through a checkpoint killing two policemen and then fled to a nearby apartment building, which was booby trapped. The ensuing gun battles killed the five men and injured at least 5 bystanders.

**2004** - Iraq's neighbors endorse the US-backed administration and the transfer of power, giving a boost to Iraq's quest for international legitimacy.

**2005** - Spanish police arrest 16 Islamic terror suspects in raids in several cities, including 11 suspected members of a group thought to have ties to Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq.

**2006** - Cleanup crews in northern China scramble to absorb 60 tons of toxic coal tar accidentally dumped into the Dasha river before it reaches a reservoir serving 10 million people.

**2007** - Ethiopia accepts a U.N. commission's ruling to turn over a disputed town to Eritrea after years of conflict and a tense border dispute.

**2009** - In a massive outpouring reminiscent of the Iranian Revolution three decades ago, hundreds of thousands of Iranians stream through the capital, and the fist-waving protesters denounce President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's claim to victory in a disputed election.

**2010** - The U.N. finds evidence of bloody intent behind the chaos in Kyrgyzstan that killed hundreds, left the nation's second-biggest city a smoldering ruin and sent more than 100,000 ethnic Uzbeks fleeing.

## Today's Birthdays:

Issa, Japanese poet (1763-1828); Thomas Mitchell, British explorer of Australia, (1792-1855); Edvard Grieg, Norwegian composer (1843-1907); Jim Belushi, U.S. actor (1954--); Julie Hagerty, U.S. actress (1955--); Helen Hunt, U.S. actress (1963--); Courteney Cox, U.S. actress (1964--); Ice Cube, U.S. rapper/actor (1969--); Johnny Hallyday, French rock singer/actor (1943--); Neil Patrick Harris, U.S. actor (1973--).

## Thought For Today:

War is a contagion — Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. president (1882-1945). □



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# FDA introduces new rules about sunscreen claims



Devin Bledsoe, of Memphis, Tenn., applies sunscreen on Siesta Key Public Beach in Sarasota, Fla., on June 14, 2011. The Food and Drug Administration announced on Tuesday that sunscreens must protect equally against two kinds of the sun's radiation, UVB and UVA, to earn the coveted designation of offering "broad spectrum" protection.

(Chip Litherland/The New York Times)

wish to label their products as offering "broad spectrum" protection they must make their defense against UVB and UVA radiation proportional.

"We think this is going to be much easier for the consumer to understand," Dr. Janet Woodcock, director of the FDA's drug center, said in an interview. "All they're going to need to do is pick an SPF number and then make sure that it's broad spectrum."

Any product that fails to offer proportional protection or has an SPF of 2 to 14 must include a warning that the product has not been shown to help prevent skin cancer or early skin aging. The new rules will standardize the testing that manufacturers must conduct for UVA protection.

The agency had proposed allowing manufacturers to use SPF numbers no higher than 50, but that remains only a proposal for which the agency will seek further comment.

In particular, the government is asking whether there are special groups of people who would somehow benefit from having a product with an SPF of more than 50.

"Right now, we don't have any data to show that anything above 50 adds any value for anybody," Wood-

cock said.

Dr. Warwick L. Morison, a professor of dermatology at Johns Hopkins University and chairman of the photobiology committee for the Skin Cancer Foundation, said he was disappointed that the FDA failed to ban SPF numbers higher than 50 because such products expose people to more irritating sunscreen ingredients without meaningful added protection. "It's pointless," Morison said.

More than 2 million people in the United States are treated each year for the two most common types of skin cancer, basal cell and squamous cell, and more than 68,000 receive a diagnosis of melanoma, the most deadly form of the disease. Sunscreens have not been shown to prevent the first case of basal cell carcinoma, but they delay reoccurrences of basal cell and have been shown to prevent squamous cell and melanoma.

The new regulations will do nothing to prevent the most common problem with sunscreens lotions, which is that consumers fail to use enough of them. The rules become effective in one year, although manufacturers with less than \$25,000 in annual sales will have two years to comply. □

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GARDINER HARRIS

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**WASHINGTON** — After 33 years of consideration, the Food and Drug Administration took steps Tuesday to sort the confusing world of sunscreens, with new rules that specify which lotions provide the best protection against the sun and ending claims that they are truly waterproof.

The FDA said sunscreens must protect equally against two kinds of the sun's radiation, UVB and UVA, to earn the coveted designation of offering "broad spectrum" protection. UVB rays cause burning; UVA rays cause wrinkling; and both cause cancer.

The rules, which go into effect in a year, also will ban sunscreen manufacturers from claiming their products are waterproof or sweatproof because such claims are false. Instead, they will be allowed to claim in minutes the amount of time in which the product is water-resistant, depending upon test results.

And only sunscreens that have a sun protection factor, or SPF, of 15 or higher will be allowed to maintain that they help prevent sun-

burn and reduce the risks of skin cancer and early skin aging.

The rules have been under consideration since 1978, when "Boogie Oogie Oogie" was a hit on the radio and most beach lotions were intended to encourage tanning, not protect against it. But federal regulators said they had yet to decide whether to end an SPF arms race in which manufacturers are introducing sunscreens with SPF numbers of 70, 80 and 100 even though such lotions offer little more protection than those with an SPF of 50. Still, dermatologists said they were thrilled.

"Now, we'll be able to tell patients which sunscreens to get," said Dr. Henry W. Lim, chairman of dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and a spokesman for the American Academy of Dermatology.

The rules will transform the \$680 million domestic market for sunscreens, which has been growing rapidly because of an aging population and growing worries about skin cancer. And the final regulations are a stark change from a proposal the agency released in 2007, which would have created a star-based system for UVA protection. Under that

system, sunscreens would have provided an SPF number for UVB protection and one to four stars for UVA protection.

The agency received more than 3,000 comments on that proposal, with many asserting that allowing products to offer differing levels of protection against UVB and UVA rays would be confusing.

So the agency ditched the stars and instead will tell manufacturers that if they



Allie Harris, 18, left, and Kali Gough, 17, right, put on sunscreen on Siesta Key Public Beach in Sarasota, Fla., on June 14, 2011.

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and your choice  
of baked potato,  
pan fried  
potatoes, French  
fries or rice

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